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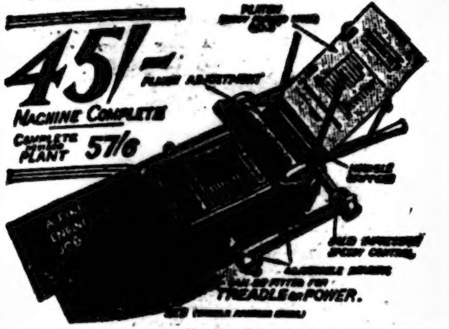

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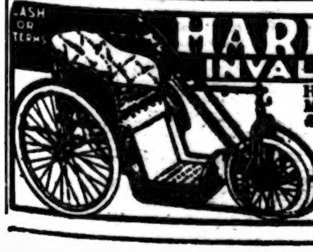

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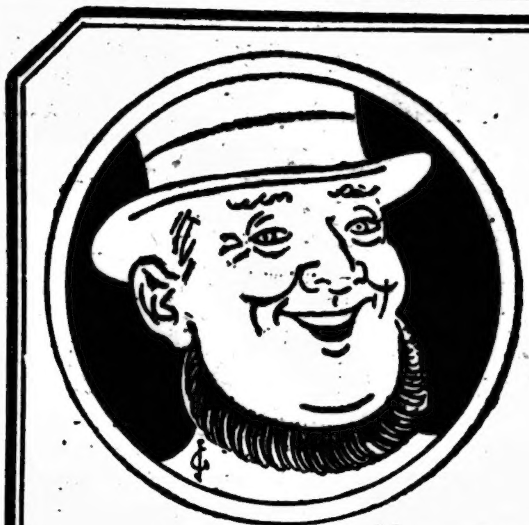

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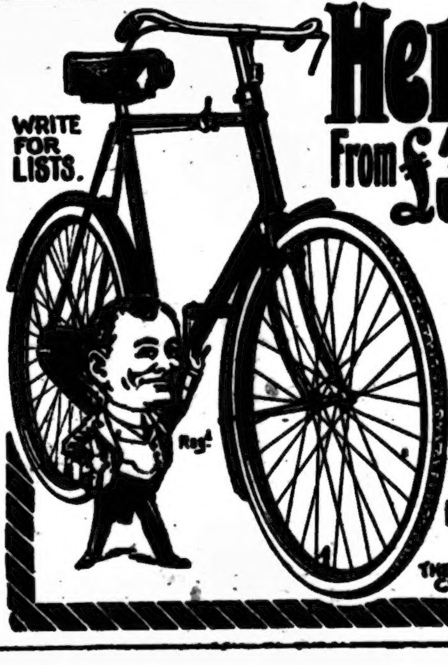

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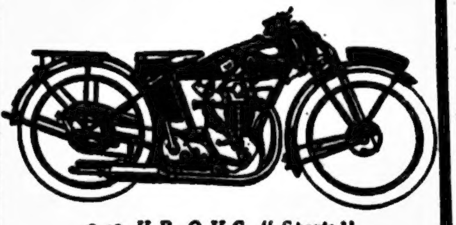

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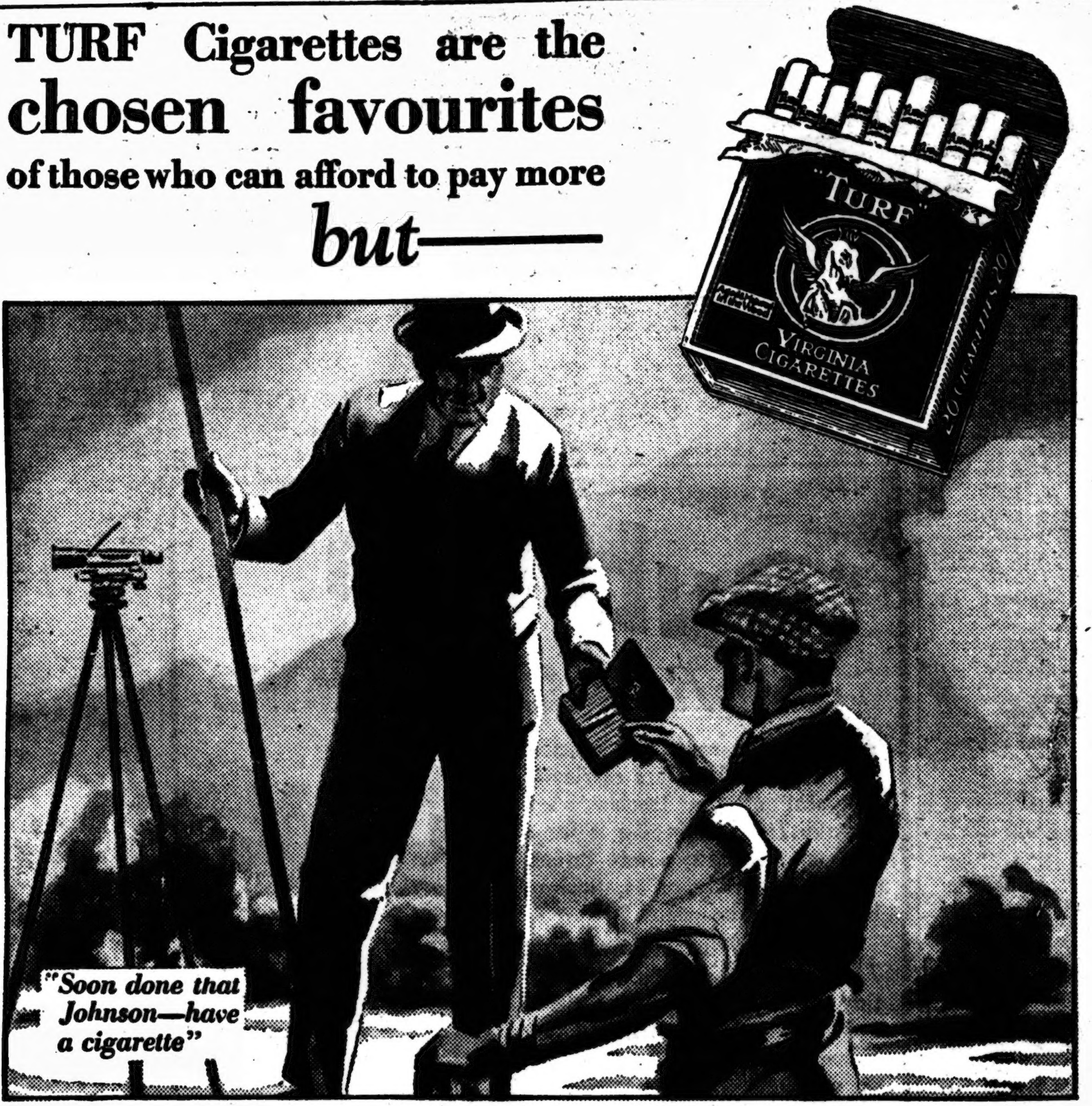
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Taking It Easy.
Yet the House of Commons got through its business in one hour and thirty-five minutes at a recent sitting. Apparently, "ca' canny" is only considered scandalous with work other than legislating.

The "Workers."
"Consideration of Estimates" is a euphonious description of the sit, loll, joke and wrangle session between Easter and the long vacation. But at a wage of £8 weekly apiece for 615 M.P.s it is a bit steep for the country.

A Hint.
Another terrible rise in unemployment makes the workless tragedy more acute. Next time the House of Commons has an afternoon "off," why not reassemble especially to discuss it?

This Freedom.
The Government's lack of initiative should have made this a wonderful year for the private Member. But he has made poor use of his unaccustomed liberty. Members are rarely interested in one another's Bills, and the luck of the ballot gives too many openings to cranks.

Joking the Farmer.
The Agricultural Credits Bill would have been better named the Ministerial Discredit Bill. The Government's notion of helping the farmer is to enable him to mortgage his stock!

Squeezed.
The banks keep their grip on agriculture. Till Parliament frees the farmer from the interests that prey on him, rating relief and credits are apt to be mainly more blood for the leeches.

Courteous, but——
Plain common-sense was shown by the Government in the polite request to Prince Carol to quit. Plotting for thrones with England as a base is a game only fools could connive at.

Abuse.
Britain has a character for hospitality, but that does not mean she can be made a vaulting-horse for political plotters to use. Prince Carol broke the rules. Expulsion was the only possible reply.

The Hat Trick.
The country wants a land policy and the Government produces a "Rabbits" Bill! It is the last fling of bankrupt statesmanship. Irony in the face of land hunger and starvation could hardly go further.

Fair Comment.
George Hardie, M.P., spoke the truth when he stigmatised it as absurd for the House of Commons to waste its time on such legislation. But he was too kind. It is sheer imbecility.

"Safeguarding."
How to meet the arguments of ardent tariff reformers is the puzzle of some young Liberals. Why, if some industries are benefited by tariff walls, are not all?

Exactly.
The very query gives the case away. It might benefit some children to be given all the vitamins needed in the food of the rest, but it would be a poor family policy, leading to ruin for all in the end.

Over-fed.
The tariff question is as old as it is vexed. Restrictions on imports may give a fillip, just as a dose of brandy revives the dying. But artificial stimulus usually ends in collapse for all that.

Coming On!
"Protection" having failed to bring it prosperity, the Irish Free State proposes to scrap the motor duty. Mr. Ford's denunciation of trade hindrances has evidently touched the spot!

It's So Obvious.
The proposed establishment of an international organisation for anti-militant clergy is chiefly surprising for its necessity. In its essence, Christianity means brotherhood. Its Founder was the Prince of Peace.

"Sport."
It costs more to keep twenty-five packs of hounds than to feed, clothe, house and teach a trade to 5,679 children in Dr. Barnardo's Homes. No other evidence is needed to show that in this country children are cheap!

Other Facts.
While 25,000 acres of land are used to provide forage for hunters' horses, four-fifths of our human population are fed on imported food. A piece of childishness that cannot be matched in any other country in the world.

Who Cares?
Innumerable child beggars harass diners by clustering round the doors of cafés and restaurants in Cardiff. If the dreadful sight were reported from Moscow every newspaper in this country would raise a howl.

Princes on Horseback.
At Melton Mowbray the Prince of Wales started a mounted paper-chase, and thirty hunting people joining in found they could actually enjoy a run without blood at the end. Good for the Prince!

Poincare's Pointer.
M. Poincaré says organisation of labour, insurance against sickness and unemployment, maternity benefits and housing can "all be budgeted for to make life easier for those who toil and those who suffer." Which is our political belief for our own country.

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312 MORE CHEQUES TO REGISTERED READERS

"John Bull" has paid this week 312 more cheques under its Great Free Insurance Gift. (*See page 2.*)

Forecast.
"Small man-power but high-power in death-dealing machinery is a certainty in the next war," say military experts. Well, at any rate, the people are warned.

Quotation.
"Somewhere in the offing cavalrymen will be sticking panic-stricken enemy riflemen routed by light tanks," writes Colonel J. F. C. Fuller in his new war book. Worse words than would be tolerated of pig-killing!

Charity Begins——
Students of other countries with Britain to the fore have made an astonishing response to help the Lichtenstein Valley dwellers in their work of renovation after an inundation by the Rhine. We would like to see similar devotion given to stricken areas in Wales. Why is it not?

Sequel.
Since the Armistice, 690 marriages have been celebrated between soldiers in the Rhine army and German women. When their children ask, "Why did our grandfathers fight?" what can the answer be, except "They were temporarily insane."

Going Abroad.
The right brand of briskness is seen in the building slips at Belfast, nearly all occupied with passenger liners and commercial ships. Trade moves when international relationships are right.

Laxity.
"No food value, no vitamins," is the scientific condemnation of synthetic cream being sold as the "real thing." Why the Ministry of Health leaves it to a private Member to try to prevent the public being deceived is a mystery.

Milk.
Means to sterilise milk to keep it fresh for two years have been found. Science can do wonders, but when it insists on milk production in quantity and cheap we shall arrive somewhere.

World Wide.
Specialists of all countries are meeting here to discuss rheumatism and its attendant diseases. We want new light on old problems, but rheumatism will only sink into insignificance when housing is put right and poverty abolished.

Boom!
Business is "literally pouring" into the Stock Exchange, but unless unemployment is tackled it will fizzle out again. Even Stock Exchanges cannot ignore the fact that financial stability depends on whirring wheels and factories.

Prophecy.
Steel and iron are "bound to blaze" in the near future, according to financial experts. We hope they will. Hosts who are workless but willing have already waited too long.

A Lead.
The Hackney Borough Council has sold eight German guns for scrap-iron, and given the money for the relief of war victims. Even the War Office "raised no objection"—a significant reflection of the changed view of the country.

The WORLD, the FLESH & the DEVIL

Poison at Large.

"Suicide while of unsound mind" was the verdict passed on Mrs. Williams, of West Cross, who took oxalic acid. Highly unsound is the law that leaves this dangerous poison unscheduled and obtainable everywhere.

Some Sense.

We admire the efforts of the Llanrwst Guardians to co-operate with the employment exchange in finding jobs for recipients of poor relief. A similar co-operation throughout the country might lessen the continuing scandal of over a million workless.

No Paupers, Please !

The Lambeth Guardians are right in protesting against the use of the word "pauper," especially "pauper lunatics," which often refers to men wounded in the war. Why brand by ugly epithets those whom necessity, not choice, has forced into depending on the community ?

Brighter Sundays.

Here's luck to the Leeds branch of the Fellowship of Freedom and Reform in urging the city council to open and allow games to be played in playgrounds and parks on Sunday. Councillors who have neglected these obvious needs have not the true welfare of their less fortunate citizens at heart.

Risk of Ruin.

"I don't know what made me do it," cried Paula Margarita Chester, a Lambeth typist, bound over for theft of money and savings certificates from a fellow-lodger. Why ruin a life for no reason ? At twenty-one she has time to pull herself up. She may take it from us that honesty alone pays in the long run.

Stagnation.

We have sympathy with the people of Peckleton, whose application for a village post office has been turned down by the postmaster at Leicester. The argument that no office is needed because one exists in the next village is antediluvian. Besides, it is cruel to make poor old pensioners walk two miles to draw their pittances.

Action Needed.

The Guildford Labour Party and Trades Council has done well to take up the case of the father of a Guildford family summoned for overcrowding. A family of thirteen live in three rooms, but have nowhere else to go. Those who shout against birth control grasp the wrong end of the stick. They should begin with housing.

Wilful Waste.

When hunger is rife in the Welsh coalfields, it is sickening to think that in the bags of waste thrown out from an Army cookhouse at Aldershot cart-loads of bread are found, with sound potatoes and tea. Must the hideous waste of men, money and material, necessitated by an Army in action, be extended to its peace-time habits ?

False Prophets.

The whole paraphernalia of fortune-telling, palmistry, crystal-gazing and astrology, was called into play by Jane Buckley and Mary Hilding, of Belvedere, who extracted nearly £80 from a credulous client. Fined £25 each, we suggest they now take to a more reputable livelihood than emulating witches and sorcerers.

Fishy Bets.

Since Abner Lane has thirteen children, nine of whom are under fourteen, the Wimbledon magistrates were human enough to reduce to 5s. the fine for loitering to receive betting-slips, which he placed under the fish on his hawker's barrow. We are still waiting for one betting law to hold good for the man in the street and the man with an office.

Brand Them !

Mr. W. C. Veal, of Sheffield, states that cases of German cutlery were shown at the last British Industries Exhibition which were described as British made. Other evidence shows that German scissors are sold as British goods, at a profit of 700 per cent. Such profits are wicked and immoral, especially when the quality is not that described.

Knows What's Best.

Prison authorities have splendid material in Albert Roy Fernley, convicted at Huntingdon of housebreaking, who, at his own request, has been sent to three years' penal servitude so that he can learn a trade and become a reputable citizen. This is the attitude, granted sympathetic treatment, that will make arrow-patterned cloth a drug on the market.

Try Again !.

The pride of Sidney Fowler, of Bishop Auckland, of having a fine reputation as a milk-seller and of being a pioneer of the Grade A milk movement in Durham County, had a serious fall when he was fined £5, with £3 3s. costs, for failing to give notice of two tubercular cows. It is well worth while his being ultra-particular from now. First-rate milk-sellers are too valuable to lose.

Horrible !

To save the 5s. burial fee and the price of a baby's coffin, George Hannin, a Glasgow undertaker, has been in the habit of keeping the bodies of stillborn babies in his cellar, burying two in one box and altering the date on the certificate given him by the mother of the first arrival to that of the second. A £25 fine should deter Hannin and other undertakers from such a horrible and insanitary practice.

Courageous Constable.

"Come quick ! My friend has fallen into the water." Hearing this cry of distress from a boy's lips, P.-C. Simpson rushed from his post in Beaufort Street, Chelsea, and dived 25 ft. into the river without stopping to remove his tunic. Alas, he was too late to save Albert Scarlet from the out-going tide, though this does not detract from the gallantry of the action. Our splendid men in blue are ever ready to respond to danger's call.

Poor Man's Penalty.

Because the case against him for compensation in a motor accident was taken to the High Court, an Edmonton man, earning £3 10s. a week, with his mother as well as a wife and family to keep, has to pay £230 damages and £105 costs. Judge Crawford's tirade against such cases ever leaving the county court where costs would be one-third should be a warning to the authorities to remedy the scandal whereby the poor man's justice is too often his ruin.

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The Human Machine

Pass Along!

by E. R. THOMPSON, M.A.

HENRY FORD says in one of his books: "There is a subtle danger in a man thinking that he is 'fixed for life.' It indicates that the next jolt of the wheel of progress is going to fling him off."

When a man thinks he has "got there" he is lost unless he wakes up and gets very busy! The man who says, "Now I have done what I wanted to do: now I can take a rest," is going to slide downhill before he knows what he is doing!

You cannot stand still. You must go forward or you must go back. One or the other—progress or decay—that is the choice before us.

"Not clinging to some ancient saw,
Not mastered by some modern term;
Nor swift nor slow to change—but firm."

FIRM—but always forwards, always onwards and upwards. Unless you do you will begin to slide back.

Life is a journey, not the end of a journey. You are always going somewhere. You will not get far unless you are always aware that yesterday is past! Quite a lot of people never seem to get that into their heads!

You can't live for long on last year's ideas. Wake up and lay in a new stock—so as to be ready for to-morrow.

Let Him Try !

When an applicant for outdoor relief told the Enniskillen Guardians that he was blind, that his wife was paralysed, and that they had three children to keep, Mr. J. Wilson, the chairman, stated that "a man should be able to keep a house and keep it well on 18s. a week!" Why doesn't Mr. Wilson try to do it himself ?

Dear Whiskey.

One-legged Thomas William Kenny, of Dublin, and Robert Stewart and William Armstrong, of Dundee, are a dangerous trio. Carrying on an illicit still, producing spirit seven degrees over proof, nemesis has descended on them at Cupar (Fife), where between them they have paid out £820. This is not a penny too much for a highly serious fraud.

Home Tragedy.

A tiny room, a busy mother taking a sizzling joint out of the oven, popping down the tin on the floor, unaware that her fourteen-months-old toddler would fall on it and scald himself to death with the fat—this is the pathetic story of Mrs. Johnson, of Grantham. Yes, and a still sterner upbraiding of the lack of space in thousands of workers' homes.

Coolness and Pluck.

Flames issuing from the window of a Liverpool photographic dark-room where she was working sent Miss Dorothy Swann flying upstairs to warn twenty-six girl clerks, and back to the studio, where, despite an encroaching blaze, she stuck to the telephone till she had summoned the promptly-arriving brigade. Such coolness and despatch in a girl of twenty-four should carry her a long way.

Disgraceful Overwork.

Boys have no right to be delivering goods up to all hours on Saturday nights, says Mrs. S. B. Collett, of the Women's National Liberal Federation. Her contention that workers under eighteen should be limited to a forty-eight-hour week must become law if the crying disgrace of thousands of our boys and girls being allowed to work from sixty to seventy hours is to be stopped.

Wrecked Manhood.

"I have lack of will power through my war services" is the legitimate cry of Henry James Staite, a Hove railway guard, who, returning to his post after being three times blown up in France and a victim of shell shock, trench fever and gas, became a systematic pilferer. Why deny, by sentence of four months' hard labour, the curative treatment that is the only hope of these ghastly war relics ?

"Appalling and Horrible."

At an inquest held on the body of an eleven-day-old Walsall baby, the mother stated that she, her husband and four children occupied one room, in which they slept, lived and cooked. Altogether there were thirty-one people living in the house. The coroner described the housing conditions as "appalling and horrible." He might also have described a Government which permits such a state of things as criminally negligent.

Looking for Trouble.

We have no sympathy to spare for people who go through life looking for trouble. James Kelly looked and found it, the last occasion being when he broke three windows at the Hackney Casual Ward and clicked for two months in jail. When he was in the Army he hit an officer and was sentenced to three years in prison. No doubt he feels he is not appreciated, but the world usually hits back at deliberate trouble-makers.

Good for Jack.

Captain Money, of the destroyer *Eagle*, and Captain Legge, of the seaplane-carrier *Stuart*, are typical of the Royal Navy. They started relief work after the earthquake at Corinth before the Greek Government got to work. Bluejackets succoured the wounded and distressed, put up 500 tents and supplied blankets, food and medical supplies. Work like this does more to promote peace than a dozen international conferences.

Snobbery in Excelsis.

We have nothing but contempt for the snobbishness of the Hampstead tennis clubs which decline to admit Jews to membership. It is a gratuitous insult to a race which has supplied the country with some of its most eminent and patriotic citizens. There are good and bad in every flock, but only fools condemn the many because of the shortcomings of the few.

Winston Wouldn't.

Diaries of great men all remind us we should leave war alone. The latest memory-jogger is Lord Oxford's note that Mr. Churchill refused to accept the proposal to "shoot all German prisoners as reprisals for Zeppelin raids," and that Lord Fisher sent in a formal resignation in consequence. Even Winston knew that shooting Germans in this country would sign a death warrant for British prisoners in Rhineland.

True Neighbour.

Sweetness touches the bitter story of depression in which, being crippled for over a year with rheumatoid arthritis of the spine, Mrs. Rawlings, a Peckham widow, cut her throat. Miss Ellen Barnes, her neighbour, did all her cooking and housework and refused payment. No money gift can compare with this simple act of Christian feeling. Many such remain unknown to the world that nevertheless is far happier for them.

What a Dirty Trick !

It has come to our knowledge that in certain parts of South Wales the "Relief Committees" are going round the newsagents asking for the names of those who have benefited by JOHN BULL'S Free Insurance Scheme. Such readers are then denied further relief for a number of weeks! We should be glad to hear of any such cases. It is a mean trick, and we shall see that the matter is raised in the proper quarters.

Legal Help Yourself.

That the Legal Aid Society under the guise of philanthropy was "on the make" when a representative induced Joseph Horrocks to sue Colonel Allen for compensation for personal injuries was the subject of severe criticism by Judge Moore at the Woolwich County Court. As without the society's persuasion Mr. Horrocks would not have brought a losing case against the colonel, it is time its methods were enquired into.

Those Mixed Marriages.

Joytoon Meah, a coloured man, was sentenced at West Ham to two months' hard labour for persistent cruelty to his white wife. He took her to a six-roomed house, where dwelt eight black men and four married couples, and there he treated her with maniacal violence. Inter-marriage between black and white should be made an offence against the law. Meanwhile we intend to protect to the utmost those British women who have been foolish enough to marry black men.

Afraid of Losing His Job.

H.M. Inspector of Factories must at once look into the paper-mill firm that employed Fred Mayers, of Disley. This guillotine-machine man died from septic poisoning after cutting his hand adjusting a defective machine to which he was unaccustomed. After being attended the next day unofficially by the foreman, he refused to stay at home where he might have recovered because he had reason to think he might lose his job. Highly serious, the matter demands exhaustive enquiry.

One-sided Justice.

Justice is satisfied when for striking in the eye and knocking down a girl clerk of twenty-one carrying a bag containing £118 for wages, Edward Reardon, of Liverpool, is sent to three years' penal servitude with fifteen strokes of the "cat." But she gapes when James Moseley, a married man with five children, after assaulting three schoolgirls, aged twelve and thirteen, at Chorlton-cum-Hardy, gets off with twelve months' imprisonment. A pest who ruins young lives deserves keeping away from them longer than he who robs one with violence.

Keep Your Money !

Once more the rogue of whom we warned London housewives last year is "on the make" professing to sell a "gas economiser" which costs 5s. Those who hand over the money for his rubbish are simply giving away their money. There is no "Gaslight and Stove Company" in existence.

All They Were Worth !

Montgomery Bros., of Divinity Road, Oxford, are competition solutionists, and in a recent endeavour to interest new clients, they offered two "Bullets" efforts free of all charge. Two readers who applied received the free lines all right, but as they were identical in each instance, Montgomery Bros. rightly appraised their value in giving them away for nothing !

Too Much Trust !

To help people make "the best use" of their money is the avowed object of the Redeemable Investment Trust, of New Street, Birmingham. It is, therefore, disappointing to find it suggesting that investors should send their money to the Trust for the latter to "attempt to bring off" racing coups at starting prices. The Trust professes to have "valuable information" and boasts of placing commissions for "shrewd and clever people." Most of our readers, however, will agree that there is just a little too much trust about the proposition.

In Our Wake !

A reference has appeared in the general Press regarding an unnamed "mystery swindler" who has duped numerous traders by means of a confidence trick after pretending that he can obtain bankrupt stock on advantageous terms. But why a "mystery" swindler? This man's activities were fully exposed in our issue of May 5, and although so much in advance of our contemporaries, we were able to disclose the fact that he had operated in the names of "Samuel," "Larkin" and "Cohen." This is another pointed instance of others following feebly in our wake !

Council and Coroner.

A Rochford doctor, summoned to a dying compositor, Ernest Murch, is alleged to have refused to attend the man, though offered a fee of 2s. 6d. "Five shillings if you bring him here, and 10s. 6d. if I go to him," was the demand. Had the coroner known the physician's name, and been certain of the facts, he would have called the attention of the General Medical Council to the matter. We trust that, for the credit of a noble profession, it will take steps to discover the truth for itself, since there is a strong moral obligation on the part of a doctor in a case of urgency.

Quick Work !

Ten days ago, after receiving enquiries from readers in all parts, we investigated the £20,000 Hampton Court Club Derby Draw, which was being conducted by Evan Williams, from Station Approach, Hampton. As a result of our discoveries, we reported the matter to the police, who acted with commendable promptitude by placing Williams under arrest. He has now had to pay the maximum fine of £25, plus £5 costs, and to give an undertaking that all money subscribed will be refunded. Any misguided people who have parted with money in the belief that this was a genuine club draw should therefore send in their claims without delay.

"Freddy Ford" Again !

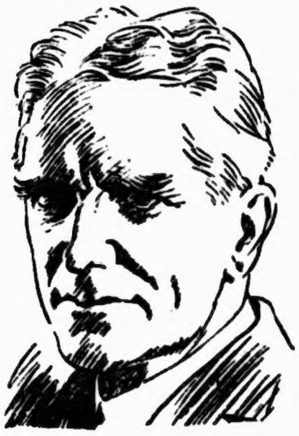
Long ago JOHN BULL exposed the activities of "Freddy Ford," desperado and Night Club King. His real name is Frederick Albert Roberts, and he has served term after term of imprisonment for all sorts of offences. In the middle of our exposures he had the impudence to issue a writ against us for libel. As he went to jail yet again, his action against us was dismissed with costs. Roberts, alias "Freddy Ford," is now out of jail. He is writing his confessions each week in the *People*. Read them, and see how well justified JOHN BULL was in denouncing him as an impudent and dangerous criminal.

Problems of Life

Being and Doing

by the Rev. R. J. CAMPBELL, D.D.

ONE of Charles Dickens' most celebrated and most rascally characters—drawn from life, we are now assured—was Mr. Wackford Squeers, principal of the educational establishment called Dotheboys Hall.



Principal L. P. Jacks

Mr. Squeers appears to have been an up-to-date psychologist without knowing it.

He explained to Nicholas Nickleby that his method of teaching, spelling and philosophy combined was as follows: "C-l-e-a-n, clean.—W-i-n-d-e-r, winder ——. When the boy knows this out of book, he goes and does it."

Mr. Squeers' notion of the correct way to spell "window" was defective, but not its practical application.

What he spelt as "bottiney," and defined as "a knowledge of plants," was imparted by setting his pupils to weed the garden.

After eliciting the information that a horse was a beast he ordered a youngster to go and rub the horse down. Also as water was for washing with, the class that had learned this fact had to pump water for laundry purposes until he told them to stop.

IF Mr. Squeers was living to-day he might perhaps claim to be an exponent of the latest and most scientific principles of mental and moral development.

Far beyond any doubt it is true that action is as necessary as thought and emotion if mind and character are to grow properly.

Experts have come to realise that to compel children to sit still for hours while you stuff them with facts is a wrong way of training them to get the best out of life. They must be given opportunity for expression as well as for taking in, or they remain immature.

That great schoolmaster, Sanderson of Oundle, said that to appeal to the constructive rather than the acquisitive instinct in the youthful mind had the result that the learners became finer and more unselfish beings.

"What they love to do," he declared, "is to take part in work that is for the benefit of everybody and not merely for themselves."

THE new psychology is showing us the danger of indulging in lofty sentiments that find no practical expression in service. We may be the worse instead of the better for them.

Says Principal Jacks: "Let us beware of the eloquence of mere speech, and ground nothing upon it which cannot be confirmed by the higher eloquence of action."

It is possible to cry over the misfortunes of a hero in fiction or melodrama or the cinema screen and be hard and selfish in everyday life—in fact, this is very common.

Modern psychology has thus vindicated the insight of Jesus Christ, Who said nineteen centuries ago, "If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them."

GRAVE RENT SCANDAL

OLD COUPLE'S MOVING STORY

A Wicked Confiscation

A BILL was presented to Parliament last year to amend Part II. of the Housing Act, 1925, under which local authorities are empowered to take land, "including any buildings thereon," at a nominal site value.

We repeatedly drew attention to the fact that the wholesale acquisition of property for improvement schemes at heavy loss to the owners was nothing less than legalised robbery.

Case after case was cited where working men and women who had invested their life-savings in houses were robbed of their property.

We suggested that the Minister of Health would probably oppose this Bill, which was brought to remedy an admitted injustice caused by the badly drafted Housing Act of 1925.

Our worst fears have been realised. Not only has the Bill, introduced by Sir Robert Gower, M.P., been refused facilities for a second reading, but the process of robbery has continued unabated.

Bad and iniquitous

In no local government area is advantage being taken of a bad Act of Parliament more than by the London County Council. Two recent cases brought to our notice recently will serve to show how this iniquitous Act is being shamelessly administered.

A large number of houses have been confiscated in the East End of London under what is known as the Brady Street scheme. No. 47, Collingwood Street is one of these houses.

It was "acquired" by the County Council in September, 1925. The amount offered for the freehold was £64. The owner is a poor working man employed as a timber carrier at the Surrey Docks.

He refused to accept £64 for property worth several hundreds, but eventually, threatened with legal proceedings by the L.C.C., he agreed to take £77.

The property was transferred to the L.C.C. on September 8, 1925, and notwithstanding the fact that this house was declared to be "dangerous and injurious to health," *the L.C.C. is drawing rent from it to this day.*

The gross rental of this house was 14s. 10d. per week, showing a profit rental of about £20 per annum. This means that the L.C.C. has already received from this property which it "acquired" for £77 no less than £50.

There are at present no signs that the house is to be pulled down and apparently it will be some time before this particular site is cleared.

Touching request

In another part of the East End of London another "scheme" is being worked by the L.C.C., known as the "Prusom Street scheme."

Here an old man of seventy-nine and his wife, two years younger, were spending the evening of their days in their own house, purchased some years ago with their savings.

The pre-war purchase price of this house was £1,200 and at to-day's value it is worth at least £2,000. The L.C.C. "acquired" this property for £200 in 1925. The gross income from the house at that time was £107 9s. 4d. per annum.

During the negotiations for the taking over of this property by the London County Council, the old man lost his reason and died. His wife is now seventy-eight and the council is pressing for possession.

Sir Robert Gower, M.P.

She is in failing health, and efforts have been made to induce the L.C.C. to allow this poor old woman to die in peace in her own home. The only answer is that the house must be vacated by June 24 next.

Ridiculous offers

In Bermondsey another area has been marked down. The owner of a house in Abbey Street, is confined in a mental asylum. At the time of the Ministry of Health enquiry he was not in a fit state of mind to make any objection, nor was anybody looking after his interests.

The property was mortgaged for £300. The compensation offered for its seizure was £190. Not only did the owner lose his entire income from this house, but a charge of £110 had to be made on some other property to compensate the mortgagees.

At Stepney, under another scheme, two private houses in Freeman Street, Spitalfields, were acquired. The rental for the two houses was about £2 per week, the landlord paying rates.

This property has considerable commercial value, being only about one hundred yards from the City boundary. The offer of the council's valuer was £140, increased on appeal to £170. Even as a site value this price is ridiculously low.

In the same area are three houses, two in Shepherd Street and one in Freeman Street. Their market value is £3,000. The council's offer is about £500.

This site is not required or intended to be used for housing purposes, and it is a clear abuse of the powers under the Act to acquire and demolish these houses, which are well built and in good repair.

In Marylebone, where a big block of council houses is in course of erection, a neighbouring area has been scheduled for demolition.

Scores of houses and shops, all owned by the tenants, are to be "acquired." They are leasehold and the tenants will not receive a single penny of compensation. The estate belongs to the Duke of Portland, and he will receive the site value of the property.

Why the difference?

During the last year or two many shopkeepers in this area have been compelled to spend hundreds of pounds on new shop fronts and other improvements to their property. Now they are to lose it.

One man has actually been ordered to rebuild a wall at a cost of over £200 after his property had been scheduled for demolition.

The cases quoted here are by no means isolated instances of injustice. A book could be filled with others.

In 1921, Mr. Neville Chamberlain, the present Minister of Health, was chairman of the Unhealthy Areas Committee set up by the Ministry.

This committee in its report recognised the injustice of the present basis of compensation to owners dispossessed of their property, but the Bill to amend the Act is blocked.

On March 10, 1925, in answer to a question in the House of Commons, Mr. Neville Chamberlain said:

"I do not at present contemplate legislation on this matter, as further experience of the wording of the existing Act is, in my opinion, necessary."

The Minister of Health has had three years' experience of the working of the Act. Why does he continue to resist amendment in the face of the appalling results?

The Landlords and Tenants Act passed last year compels landlords to compensate shop tenants for loss of goodwill if they are not prepared to grant a new lease. The principle laid down here is ignored by the Government when it becomes the landlord.

Growing scandal

Many of the properties acquired under section 46 of the Housing Act are newly built, and others are in good condition, but they are confiscated because they happen to be in what is described as an unhealthy area.

We cannot too strongly emphasise the fact that it is the owner-tenant—the small man—who is being penalised rather than the big landlord. The small man cannot afford to go to law to protect himself. The big man who can afford it is being left alone.

This scandal is assuming such proportions that it cannot be ignored indefinitely by the Government, but it would be better for it to act quickly than to wait until it is kicked into acting.

A Sorry Fiasco

Charity Concert Failure

A FEW weeks ago a "Grand Sunday Concert" was organised at Norwich by a person named H. Hume Chapman, and a note upon the programme implied that the proceeds would go to a local charity.

As matters have turned out, however, the whole thing has been a sorry fiasco, reflecting no credit whatever upon the organiser.

Mr. J. Hume Chapman engaged two artistes especially for his "grand" concert, through the medium of a London agent.

Everything appeared to be perfectly businesslike, for he confirmed the booking by letter and agreed to pay fees of three guineas and one and a half guineas respectively, plus railway fares and the agent's commission.

Poor proceeds

Just prior to the appointed day Mr. J. Hume Chapman forwarded a cheque for £3 7s. 2d. to the agent, representing the latter's commission and the railway fares for the two artistes.

The cheque was dated several days ahead, and when it was eventually presented through the bank it was promptly returned with the unsatisfactory comment that there were not sufficient funds available to meet it at that time.

Then the two artistes returned from Norwich and came to the agent with the further disquieting complaint that they had not been paid for their services.

Later, when other expenses had been paid, an amount of £5 was all that remained to go to charity as the proceeds of this "grand" concert.

Yet even this small sum eventually had to be refunded to Chapman in order to enable him to pay the two artistes in question.

Unstable promoter

Chapman's cheque, however, remains dishonoured to this day, and the agent has not been able to secure the amount of the fares which he himself disbursed in the belief that the cheque was sound.

A similar case arose only in December last year, when Chapman engaged three other artistes for a show.

Then, however, it was only after pressure had been brought to bear upon Chapman by the police that he could be induced to meet his liabilities.

In connection with the latest fiasco we have discovered that Chapman is heavily in debt locally and that it is known that there are quite a number of unsatisfied judgments against him.

This being so it seems a scandalous thing that anyone so unstable financially should be permitted to organise concerts for charity and to bring artistes from long distances when their chances of obtaining their just dues are none too certain.

A MAJOR ON THE TWIST

THE HYPNOTIC CAVALIER

Graham the Grabber

A LITTLE while ago a well-groomed gentleman, of unmistakable military bearing, engaged an expensive suite of rooms for himself and his wife at some residential chambers in the neighbourhood of Piccadilly Circus.

His name was Captain Thomas Graham, and he described himself as an antique merchant. He had an air of prosperity about him, and he proceeded to live up to this character by sparing himself nothing in the way of luxuries.

At the same time, he showed no inclination to settle his accounts at all promptly.

Eventually, however, after many irritating delays, the management pressed for settlement, and the captain handed over two cheques, one being in respect of a loan that was considerably overdue.

Hasty farewell

These cheques were drawn upon a branch of Barclays Bank, and within the space of a few days they both came back dishonoured. By that time, unfortunately, the captain and his companion were far away!

It subsequently transpired that the fact that there was no money at the bank to meet these particular cheques was not the only reason for the captain's hurried departure.

For, with his hasty "farewell," creditors seemed to spring up upon all sides; a stream of anxious callers besieged the hotel, and bills began to arrive by almost every post!

One of the captain's many victims was a West End tailor, who, completely deceived by his impressive manner, had been persuaded to execute work without even obtaining a deposit. He had submitted several accounts without success.

Then there was a wine merchant who had supplied the best of everything on credit, believing his military customer to be the affluent gentleman he appeared to be.

Like the tailor, he ultimately found out his mistake, and was left with a formidable unpaid account.

Similar experiences were shared, in fact, by many others.

Enquirers roll up

A lady who keeps a public-house in Jermyn Street, for instance, was induced to cash a cheque for Graham on the understanding that funds were available at his bank, which at the time was closed.

As the lady had known him for a little time as a customer, and seen him about with well-dressed men, she obliged him.

The cheque, together with two others which she was later persuaded to cash, came back dishonoured, and have remained so ever since.

Others, too, rolled up with overdue bills to find that the charming captain, who had put them off from time to time with the most plausible excuses, was not to be found.

And, as the days passed, the throng of persistent enquirers did not diminish. It was found that he had defrauded hotels at which he had previously resided, and that garage-keepers from whom he had hired cars had also been left unpaid.

Even waiters, whom he had prevailed upon to cash cheques at restaurants frequented by him, had found that the fine gentleman had played them false when the cheques returned to them marked "R.D."

The most anxious enquirer of all, however, was not a creditor. It was a gentleman who was anxious to trace the lady passing as Mrs. Graham, who was clearly under the handsome captain's spell.

Being a near relative of this lady, it appeared that the enquirer strongly objected to her continued association with the ungallant officer.

He implied that he had more than once endeavoured to induce her to leave the captain by threatening to stop an allowance that she was accustomed to draw.

In this connection it is a significant fact that during the captain's residence at the Mayfair suite many of his bills were finally settled by this lady at the eleventh hour.

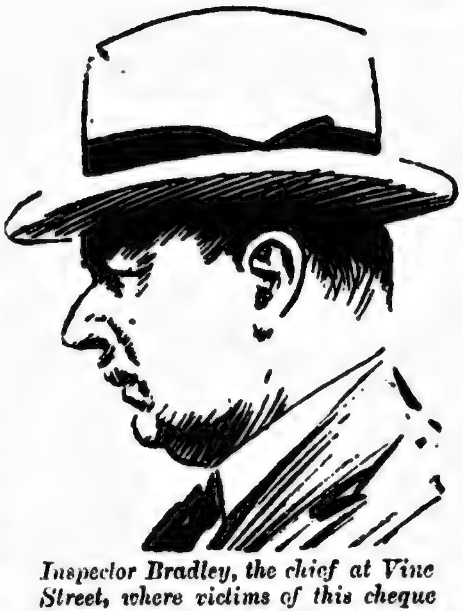
For instance, the captain once cashed a cheque for a substantial sum with a restaurant proprietor in Bloomsbury, and, like so many others, it was quickly returned by the bank dishonoured.

When the restaurant proprietor sought out the captain and took the matter up with him, the latter made all sorts of excuses and was full of promises, which never came to anything.

Quiet dignity

Finally, when matters were growing a little too ugly to be further ignored, the lady intervened on the captain's behalf, and, by paying the bill herself, redeemed the officer's worthless cheque.

One creditor happened to encounter Graham quite by chance in the lounge of a London hotel, and angrily demanded satisfaction in no uncertain terms.



Inspector Bradley, the chief at Vine Street, where victims of this cheque swindler have lodged complaints

Although thus challenged in a public place, the captain did not lose his head, but treated the matter with a quiet dignity in which he has excelled on more than one occasion.

He made all kinds of confident promises and, when his creditor's heat had abated somewhat, he readily agreed to accompany him to Vine Street Police Station, to "see the thing through."

As may be expected, however, Graham gave his escort the slip, and he has not been seen in any of his accustomed haunts since.

He has been heard of at Vine Street Police Station, though, where many complaints have been lodged about him.

In fact, the number of enquiries from people he has duped in one way or another have steadily increased, and some have even been received from as far afield as the North of England.

We think that the foregoing article should make it perfectly clear to our readers that Graham is a man to be avoided.

A LEAGUE TO LEAVE ALONE

THE QUIPS OF MR. SHIPPO

A GENTLEMAN named P. Shippo has appointed himself a public benefactor as "organising secretary of the Sunshine Guild," which boasts headquarters at 45, Paradise Road, London, S.W.

After twenty years of loneliness, he has decided to bring sunshine into the drab lives of all those who will send him a postal-order for 7s.

This fee will win membership in the Sunshine Guild of Great Britain, but Mr. Shippo expressly desires that the postal-orders should be made payable to him personally.

New idea

In one of his circulars Mr. Shippo exhorts members to try to do some kind act or deed of real good, and appends the verse:

"Just try it for devilment or
Try it for fun,
Try it in kindness
It gives speech to the dumb."

The idea of doing a kind act for "devilment" is certainly new, but this is not the only interesting feature about Mr. Shippo's undertaking.

Delicate problem

At the moment the "benefits" of the guild are "clearly and definitely confined to sending names and addresses of members who it is thought would benefit each other, and, afterwards, at their own invitation, deciding on a suitable way of extending further friendship."

Mr. Shippo, while comprehending the "delicate nature" of this problem, stoutly declares that he will handle it with drastic firmness and that "all types of 'Mrs. Grundys' will be swept away without argument."

In this respect, however, Mr. Shippo appears to waver. In one breath he announces that reports of misconduct or offensive behaviour will lead to "silent expulsion" from the guild; in the next he states glibly that members will be supplied with any names and addresses of either sex "to whom they wish to write or meet."

Perhaps the latter is what he implies by sweeping Mrs. Grundy away?

The guild has no age limit apparently, and Mr. Shippo himself boasts that he is sixty.

The name of the Sunshine League of Great Britain would sound sweeter to many ears if it were known that those who part with their fees would receive something more than the names and addresses of a few strangers.

Confident hope

Threats of silent expulsion, coupled with invitations to each member to report on the possible indiscretions of others, seems hardly compatible with the diffusion of sunshine. On the other hand, it is calculated to make a suggestive appeal to shady recruits.

It is not feasible that Mr. Shippo, in his tiny house at Paradise Road, can keep an eye on every member of a scattered flock, and the evils attending promiscuous postal introductions need not be dwelt upon here.

But Mr. Shippo has hopes of seeing his scheme flourish, for he declares that he is prepared to spend £200 of his own money to bring it to a successful issue!

"Be a sport!"

One object he has in view is to acquire control of a large hostel "where both sexes can find shelter, food, music, literature, sports, games and dances to dispel the cloud of loneliness."

But this scheme, apparently, has already been "maturing" for five years!

"Be a sport and send on your small fee and note the result!" is Mr. Shippo's final exhortation at the conclusion of one of his circulars.

Another bright slogan is, "Why not try 7s. worth?" We think the reasons for not doing so are both plentiful and obvious.

THE BLARNEY BLONDE

A SLICK TRICK

Werner Worms a Secret

THE methods of shady rogues become ever more clever. Even astute city merchants are taken in by them. It is up to the authorities to display equal cleverness to frustrate them

A CITY merchant was recently favoured with a visit from a well-dressed stranger, who appeared to be a prosperous business man of the younger school.

The visitor introduced himself as Mr. R. L. Werner, and, speaking with a slight American accent, explained that he had lately been appointed as secretary to a flourishing company in which the merchant was financially interested.

From the intimate manner in which Mr. Werner referred to the company's various undertakings, it became apparent that he was a wide-awake man who had speedily familiarised himself with his new duties and who knew what he was talking about.

Bubbling with optimism

Moreover, he was able to produce a number of documents from which it was equally apparent that he was acting in the capacity of accredited agent for the company.

Certain projects were afoot, he confided, which in due course would make the company more flourishing than ever; but in order to raise additional funds for the contemplated extensions, it had been decided to issue special debenture stock at remunerative rates.

In this connection it was expressly desired that the biggest and oldest shareholders should be given prior consideration, and, as the merchant came within this class, he was now being approached as of right.

It so happened that the city merchant had already gleaned a hint from another source regarding the contemplated developments, and, being satisfied that the scheme was both sane and sound, expressed his readiness to participate in the offer now being made.

At a subsequent interview, when Mr. Werner was simply bubbling over with buoyant optimism, the merchant decided to invest in the new stock to the extent of £600.

The matter was fully discussed, and when certain papers had been signed and other formalities had been completed, he handed over his personal cheque for £600, on the understanding that stock would be allotted to him to that value without delay.

Sorry shock

Mr. Werner finally bowed himself out after first pausing to congratulate the merchant upon his good fortune.

But days passed without any further development. No official receipt and no documents concerning this transaction came to hand.

The merchant grew anxious, and when he felt that the delay was becoming too prolonged, he decided to make a few enquiries.

He consequently went round to the company's headquarters, where a sorry shock awaited him. Mr. Werner, he found, was quite unknown, and he was certainly not the newly appointed secretary of the concern.

He had no right whatever to conduct any business in its name or to represent the company in any capacity.

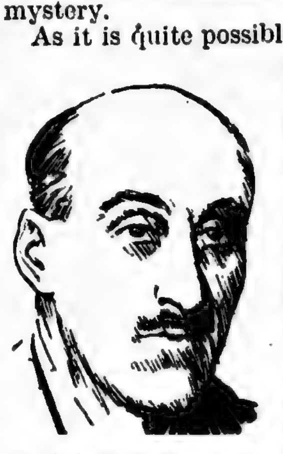
It is puzzling to know how the wily Werner contrived to arm himself so well for this coup, but it is certain that he must have spent a great deal of time in planning each stage and in studying this particular company's finances.

Then, again, he must have obtained intimate information regarding its largest shareholders before endeavouring to pull off his debenture fraud.

In the case of the £600 victim, it was discovered that his cheque, carefully endorsed, had been cashed within a few hours of its issue, and Werner's present whereabouts are wrapped in mystery.

As it is quite possible that he may make an attempt to repeat his debenture fraud elsewhere, others should be well on the alert lest they should be similarly approached.

Werner is an American, and although he is not yet thirty, he is an accomplished swindler. He is fair-skinned, clean shaven and of stoutish build. His sparkling blue eyes contain an expression of innocence that completely belies his real character.



Lt.-Col. H. S. Turnbull, Commissioner of Police for the City of London, whose department should enquire into the activities of this city swindler

Trying to slip

We are aware that he is already in possession of a passport that would admit him without question into most of the countries of Europe.

Holland and France, however, are the places he is likely to favour most of all, as he has influential friends in both.

We are able to reveal that he has been known to use the aliases of "Nathaniel Stanford" and "Daniel Schapiro."

While urging the police to leave no stone unturned in running Werner to earth, we feel that, in view of his £600 coup, some special measures are called for on the part of the Home Secretary.

Passport officials at all ports should be notified that it is quite within the bounds of possibility that this man will endeavour to slip out of the country any day now, and it is desirable that the greatest vigilance should be exercised.

A FISHY ISSUE

WHERE WALTERS FALTERS

The £50 "Rothschilds"

ADVERTISEMENTS for partners with capital frequently appear. Enquirers find apparently well-established concerns, but often the appearance of prosperity is on the surface only

WHEN a JOHN BULL reader saw an advertisement in a well-known daily newspaper for a partner with £50, possibilities unlimited, certain living assured, his curiosity overcame his judgment, and he replied to it.

A few days later he received a letter from the A. and F. Syndicate, Ltd., of 28, Buckingham Gate, London, inviting him to call and see either Mr. Walters or Mr. Wickins.

He called and saw these gentlemen, who confirmed the interview in a letter of considerable length.

The letter, signed by Mr. D. A. Walters, explained that the syndicate had secured contracts with certain French municipalities for the issue of loans which the syndicate had placed with one of the largest issuing-houses in America, which had agreed to lend these French towns a sum of six hundred million francs—nearly three and a half million pounds.

Proposal unfolded

Mr. Walters explained that the syndicate had spent over £6,000 to acquire the "sole rights of the issue," and that a further £2,000 was needed to complete the good work.

Instead of going to the general public with a big issue, Mr. Walters said it was proposed that a small debenture issue in denominations of £50 should be made.

These debentures would bear 10 per cent. interest, and be redeemable at specified dates. Over and above this, the lucky debenture-holder would receive a "participating share in all loans as and when completed."

"It is estimated," continued Mr. Walters, "that a return of at least £250 would be realised for each debenture subscribed for. This has been worked out on an accountant's basis and may be accepted as a minimum."

Mr. Walters further explains that the loans are fully recognised by the French Government, that the commission is guaranteed by the various municipalities, and that the American issuing-house of Lisman and Co. have entered into contracts to supply funds to any extent for any future loans.

He estimated that the first loans would be completed within six weeks or two months, and the first profits would be issued within that period.

Doubtful security

It is curious that the A. and F. Syndicate should find it necessary to offer a bonus of £10,000 to secure a loan to itself of £2,000 if it possesses the valuable contracts mentioned in its letter.

The inference is that its arrangements with the French municipalities and the "American issuing-house" are not of sufficient value to enable it to borrow the money it needs from its bankers, in which case their value as security for debentures is doubtful.

Another curious point is that, although this syndicate was registered in November, 1926, with a nominal capital of £1,000, no return of allotments or particulars respecting directors have been filed, nor has any annual return been made in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Acts.

Strange similarities

On the Somerset House file, however, a letter appears, dated November 10, 1927, stating that the syndicate has not started in business yet, and accordingly has not elected any directors.

The memorandum and articles of association were signed by Dennis Arthur Walters, who now describes himself as manager, and by Henry Matthew Alleyn, whose name appears on the syndicate's letter-heading as a director.

The telephone number and telegraphic address of the A. and F. Syndicate are the same as those of Prunol, Ltd., and Prunol Foreign Proprietary, Ltd. Mr. H. M. Alleyn is also a director of both these concerns.

Prunol, Ltd., was formed in July, 1924, and was converted into a public company in February, 1926. Its last balance-sheet filed shows a loss of £7,583 14s. 3d. The nominal capital of the company is £11,000, the subscribed cash capital at the same date being £9,499 14s.

Impudent ramp

Prunol Foreign Proprietary, Ltd., sister company to Prunol, Ltd., was registered as long ago as October, 1924, but the agreement it was formed to carry into effect had not been filed as recently as last February.

In a pathetic letter, dated February 16 last, to the Companies Registrar, the secretary explains that the company is entirely without funds, and is not at present carrying on any business.

The reason why the documents required by the Registrar could not be filed was that the company could not provide the necessary fee of ten shillings!

Whatever the association may be, if any, between the Prunol companies and the A. and F. Syndicate, we strongly advise our readers to have nothing whatever to do with them.

We are informed by Mr. J. de la Valette, the London representative of Messrs. Lisman and Co., that his firm has not entered into any contracts with the A. and F. Syndicate and that the use of its name by the syndicate is entirely unauthorised.

In the face of this statement, this offer of debentures by the syndicate appears to be nothing but a more than usually impudent ramp.

A GREASE-PAINT RASCAL

BOGUS ACTOR'S BAD RECORD

A Heart-Melter's Hauls

Mr. Monte Bayley, of the Variety Artists' Federation, who will doubtless be pleased to add " Mr. Regan " to his black list

A TOPIC that can always be counted upon to arouse interest in music-hall circles is the rapid growth of the cinema, and many champions will always come forward to declare stoutly that " Variety " is not dead.

A gentleman who is able to converse very glibly on this subject, and who, at the same time, never fails to turn it to good account, is an individual who assumes the name of "Mr. Regan," of no fixed abode.

" Mr. Regan " is something of a " star " himself; but he shines rather more conspicuously in the realms of crime than in theatrical circles.

Being invariably smart in his attire, "Regan" makes a point of frequenting the better-class boarding-houses, and, from the moment of his first appearance, he takes the stage and thrusts himself into prominence.

Amusing stories

He recently honoured North London with a visit and engaged rooms with a lady who is accustomed to cater for touring theatrical folk.

He offered to pay very handsomely for the accommodation, as he explained that his hours were very irregular, his professional duties keeping him out at all times. He did not wish to make himself a nuisance and was always prepared to pay for the privileges of homely freedom.

With a slight Welsh accent, he regaled his landlady by recounting amusing stories of the lighter side of life on the halls, and in this way he quickly gained her confidence.

But at times he exhibited a dramatic side in his nature. Life on the stage was not always sunshine, he averred, and only too often a smiling face concealed a breaking heart.

He had to work very hard nowadays when the popularity of the cinema was ever increasing. Engagements were growing scarcer and scarcer, and the competition was so keen that it was often necessary to accept sadly diminished fees.

Terrible news

It went against the grain to lower one's value like that, but the only other alternative was to starve.

The landlady was greatly impressed by the confidences of her distinguished-looking lodger, especially as his story had such a ring of truth about it.

Therefore, she was full of sympathy on the following day, when "Mr. Regan" told her that he had just received some terrible news from home—a place, alas! that the exigencies of his profession prevented him from seeing very often.

His wife, who had been ill for some time, had suddenly grown very much worse, and money must be sent to her at once.

He was almost distracted and longed to fly to her side; but the binding contract of his theatrical engagement and the necessity to win the daily bread made such a course impossible.

It so happened that he had received a letter by an earlier post, which he had opened in the presence of the landlady.

It purported to come from a theatrical agent and enclosed a cheque for £15 on account of his week's salary and expenses. Unfortunately, it was dated for a day ahead.

This, he declared, was most annoying, as he needed ready money urgently to send to his ailing wife. He was a stranger in the district and knew no one who would cash the cheque for him.

So cleverly did he play upon his landlady's feelings in this way that he finally induced her to suggest that she should lend him the money until he was able to cash the cheque on the following day.

He was more than grateful and the landlady accordingly parted with several pounds, all the money she possessed.

Meanwhile, "Regan" insisted that she should hold his cheque as security, and then departed for the theatre with a mind "greatly relieved," and saying that he would post the cash off to his wife on the way.

Midnight came; but the "late hours" artiste did not return from the theatre.

Hopeless dawn

He was still absent when daylight dawned, and the landlady made a few enquiries, surmising that he had probably received a more serious wire and had been compelled to shelve his engagements and hasten to his home.

Her astonishment can be imagined, therefore, when she made the discovery that her missing boarder had never been booked to appear in any theatrical capacity locally and was not even known there!

A further shock awaited her when she hurried round to the bank and learnt that the cheque which "Regan" had insisted upon her holding "as security" was worthless.

When she finally turned in despair to the local police and recounted her experience she was informed that the man who had duped her so cruelly had already been the subject of complaints in respect of similar impostures.

Although his individual sums seldom total more than a few pounds, his offence is all the more despicable because his dupes are invariably struggling landladies.

In one instance that has come to our notice, he not only succeeded in working his usual cheque trick, but also absconded with his landlady's purse containing a number of treasury notes that represented all the cash she possessed.

We trust, therefore, that this mean trickster will soon be brought to book and adequately punished for the cruel way in which he has imposed upon the generous-hearted.

Fortunes for Strangers

Curious Competition Offer

IT is not always an easy matter to secure tickets in the Calcutta Sweepstake, but a gentleman named Hugh Cooke, of 84, Regent Street, London, W., is offering to solve the difficulty for some people in a rather novel manner.

Mr. Cooke describes himself as a professional competition line writer, and he is at present sending forth a flood of circulars and follow-up letters announcing the fact that he has obtained " twenty whole numbers in the Calcutta Sweepstake " through the good offices of one of the greatest banking concerns in the country.

Amazing self-denial

He points out that it has been estimated that the prize-money will probably exceed £500,000, but although he has twenty chances, he does not wish to take advantage of them.

Whatever fortune may come to him, he declares that he will not keep a penny for himself!

Why this amazing self-denial? The answer lies in the fact that Cooke is anxious to advertise his line-writing business, and had set aside his twenty " numbers " for his clients.

Help yourself!

It is only necessary to place a four weeks' order to come in " on the ground floor " and the outlay need not exceed 20s., for which sum Mr. Cooke would furnish eight lines weekly.

But if the foregoing bait does not prove attractive, Mr. Cooke has an additional lure. Apart from his competition prowess, it seems that he boasts a long racing career and sometimes finds himself in possession of remarkable and sound information.

So, in addition to the Calcutta Sweepstake offer, Mr. Cooke will furnish clients with the name of the prospective Derby winner. " When the day of the race comes," he declares, " you can help yourself to the winnings."

But why doesn't Mr. Cooke help himself? It is a little odd that he should be so eager to put fortunes in the way of strangers.

Think Twice!

Emigrants' Bitter Experiences

BOYS who are tempted by offers of free passages to Canada will doubtless think twice when they hear of the brutal treatment meted out to William Lowe, a twenty-year-old Scottish emigrant.

He was sent to Gordon Hunt, a farmer of West Flamboro, Hamilton (Ontario), who agreed to pay him $10 a month to start, but afterwards forced Lowe to sign a contract to remain in his employ for bed and board only.

Brutal treatment

Brutality commenced early. He never tasted meat, and there were not even sufficient potatoes or turnips left to assuage his hunger.

Half starved, he quickly fell a victim to frost, both feet being frozen. The lad's slow movements in consequence so infuriated Hunt that on two days in succession he struck Lowe with a hammer, and later hit him on the back with a heavy plank, kicking him while on the ground.

Fortunately, the police took the suffering youth to a hospital, where he had to remain six weeks.

His inhuman employer, Hunt, who openly sneered in court whilst the lad's pitiful story was unfolded, has been committed for trial.

Height handicap

Another disappointed young emigrant is Samuel J. Barbour, twenty, who was sent to Canada for farm work by the Government, after four months' farm training, having given up work at home as an assistant-painter at 30s. a week and arriving, he says, " without a ha'penny in my pocket."

Barbour had good references and was eager to work, but being of small stature, was told when he applied for work that he was " too small."

He has now to answer a charge under the Vagrancy Act, and the greatest wish of his life is that he will be deported to England.

Such pitiful stories are only too frequent, and urgently call for closer supervision of the boys' welfare when sent out to a new country.

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MUCH is written and said nowadays about birth-control. The crucial problem is the control of birth-control. Whilst the diseased, degenerate, and physically and mentally deficient continue to increase, the problem becomes one of real national importance.

Plain Facts for Parents

by "WOODBINE WILLIE" (*The Rev. G. A. Studdert-Kennedy, M.C.*)

WITHIN a year or so, I and my fellow parsons will probably be busy baptising babies who, humanly speaking, will owe their places in the sun to Mr. Winston Churchill.

It is a new rôle for the Chancellor, and it must give him a queer feeling if he ever thinks about it.

By a stroke of his pen he may have called thousands of little creatures into existence, out of the everywhere into the here. Many a middle-class couple, who have been debating whether to keep a baby Austin or to have a baby boy, may now, after reading the Budget, decide in favour of the boy.

If we could trace it accurately, which we never could, there is no telling where the effect of the income-tax relief for children might lead us—fewer mechanics and more midwives, less petrol and more milk, less machinery and more men. Anyhow, it is certainly a move in the right direction, you say.

Divergent views

But is it? It is a big question; the biggest question of our day, bar none. Cynics may see in this babies' Budget nothing but a bid for the middle-class vote; others may interpret it as a sign, the first sign that any British Government has given, of a desire to face up to the problem of the differential birth-rate, which is the greatest and most difficult problem of our time.

What is the problem? Well, putting it bluntly, it is this: Taking into account the present population of the country, and in view of the position which we, as a nation, occupy in the industry and commerce of the world, how many babies ought we to have, and who are the best people to have them?

Two or three generations ago it would have been considered blasphemous and absurd even to state the problem, because it was believed that the number of children born into the world and their precise parentage was determined by Divine Providence.

It was a matter which lay outside our control, and could no more be considered as a problem than the weather.

But, for good or ill, that is no longer the view most commonly held in this and other civilised countries.

Thousands of people have claimed for themselves the right to choose how many children they are going to have, and at what intervals they shall have them. Birth-control has come, and, apparently, has come to stay.

I do not want to discuss the question as to whether it is right or wrong. There is, alas! an enormous amount to be said for and against, and, so far as I can see, there does not seem to be the slightest prospect of agreement upon the matter, either amongst medical experts, moral teachers or ordinary people.

Malicious lie

Both bishops and doctors are at present hopelessly divided about it, and seem likely to be divided for many years to come.

It is commonly supposed and frequently stated that all the opposition to the spread of birth-control knowledge and practice comes from the Churches, and is due to their ignorance and failure to move with the times. Let me state right here and now that this supposition is false, and the oft-repeated statement of it is either an ignorant or a malicious lie.

The division of opinion is just as sharp and, apparently, irreconcilable amongst doctors as it is among Churchmen. Even for those who have the best will in the world to move with the times, it is, in our present state of knowledge, desperately difficult to know in which direction to move.

Even those who are most ardently in favour of birth-control are not altogether satisfied with its present working, and it is not too much to say that many thoughtful people are bewildered and appalled.

Enormous responsibility

The really pressing problem is the control of birth-control. At present we are engaged either in opposing it tooth and nail in all its forms and all circumstances, or in advocating it in an optimistic spirit of "the more the merrier, let it rip!"

It is difficult to say which of these two attitudes plays the more directly into the hands of the devil, but between them they certainly do. We may differ as to whether people have the right to use contraceptive devices at all, but surely we can agree that if they claim the right they must face up to an enormous responsibility.

There is an old country saying, "No beer's bad, only some's not so good as others." We might say, "No birth-control's bad, but some's not so good as others," or "No birth-control's good, but some's not so bad as others."

In either case we could and should agree that in some forms, and some circumstances, birth-control is bad, and ought to be avoided. But that is exactly what we do not agree upon in practice.

We drift because of the division between the die-hards on either side. We ought to be agreed that the use of contraceptive devices is bad, in so far as it encourages and makes easy promiscuous intercourse between young people before marriage.

Double danger

I am neither a Puritan nor a kill-joy. But if there is any subject upon which the experience of the human race seems to justify a hard and fast conclusion, it is this, that promiscuous intercourse between the sexes is bad both for the individual and the community.

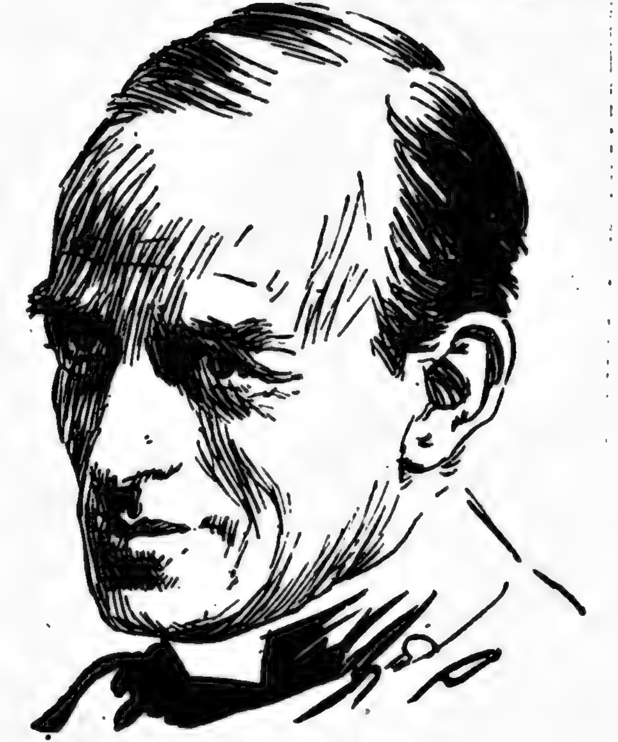
Yet there is no doubt that, as at present advertised and sold, contraceptive devices do tend to encourage such intercourse, and make it much easier than it has ever been before. Young people can and do indulge in it without any idea of the harm they are doing to themselves or to the nation.

The notion is growing up that only prudish and narrow-minded people are set against it, which is pure nonsense. Could we not agree to control and supervise the advertisement and sale of these things in some way that would minimise, if we cannot altogether abolish, this rapidly-growing danger?

But even as used by married people, birth control is not working entirely for good at present. Upon that fact, at any rate, the experts appear to be agreed. It appears to be working mainly in a topsy-turvy fashion.

The people who for the common good ought to limit their families don't, and the people who ought not to limit them do.

The only conscience there appears to be on the matter is the conscience of private comfort and convenience, the conscience to which the Chancellor of the Exchequer can appeal. But this conscience is emphatically too narrow and too mean a thing to guide us to right thought and action upon so grave and momentous an issue as is this.



"Woodbine Willie."

Quantity and quality

Birth-control, as at present practised, is limiting the families of healthy and mentally vigorous people who are set upon social advancement in a community where the bank balance rules, while it does little or nothing to prevent the rapid increase of the diseased, the degenerate, the physically and mentally poverty-stricken people of the land.

These continue to increase at a pace that is truly alarming, and constitute an ever-growing burden in the present, and threat to the future of our people.

I do not believe in the snobbish doctrine that the children of the poor in pocket are always, or even generally, of less worth to the nation than the children of the well-to-do. It is not a question of class.

It is the really poor children of all classes, the mentally and physically deficient, who constitute the real problem. Medical science labours day and night to patch them up and keep them alive, and succeeds in doing so to a remarkable extent. But it is not possible to regard this success as an unmixed blessing.

We need to develop a new and a higher conscience about the quality of our children.

It is commonly assumed by the advocates of birth-control that if we have fewer children they must of necessity be better children. Unfortunately, this does not follow in the least. Some of the most brilliant people in the world have been late-comers into large families.

Civilisation's epitaph

Limitation of quantity does not inevitably lead to improvement in quality. It is not as simple as that. We need to develop a new pity. Our present pity leads us to spend millions of money on keeping miserable people alive. The new pity must drive us to take bold and drastic measures to prevent their being born.

We need a conscience on these matters that goes one better than the budget of the family or the budget of the nation. We must face and deal with the problem of the unfit or civilisation will perish and time will write as epitaph upon its grave:

> "Their science found ingenious ways to kill
> Strong men, and keep alive the weak and ill,
> That these a sickly progeny might breed,
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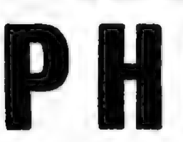

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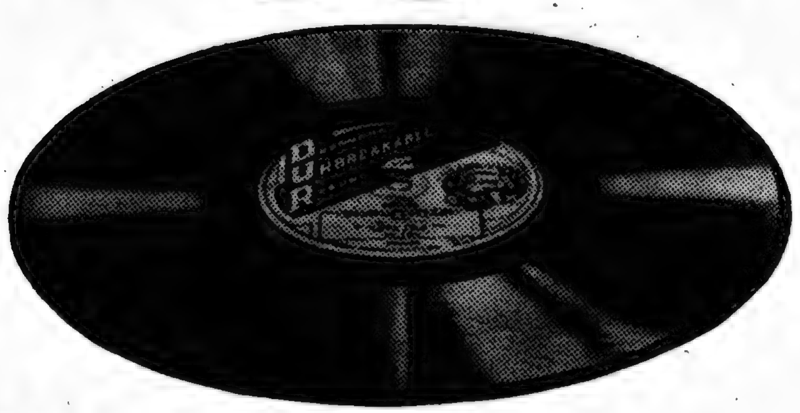

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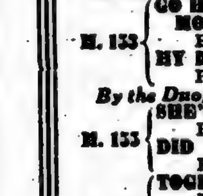

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To the Rt. Hon. Sir A. STEEL-MAITLAND, M.P., Minister of Labour.

DEAR SIR,—Many unemployed hesitate to take temporary work upon the land fearing they will forfeit their right to the "dole" thereby, since agriculture is not an insurable industry. You assure them that this is not so, as they will still figure on the register under their own trade. Why not settle the matter once and for all by placing all trades on the same level in this respect? It is a shameful thing that legitimate land-workers should be debarred from out-of-employment benefit. JOHN BULL.

His Grace the LORD ARCHBISHOP OF YORK, Bishopthorpe Palace, York.

YOUR GRACE,—Like you, I despise gas-bags. So long as ideals are merely words and aspirations, they are hot air, cutting no ice. This you pointed out with great plainness to the British Rotarians assembled at Harrogate. A huge association, holding at least 144,000 meetings each year, this body could change the face of the world if it made active efforts to translate its professions into actions. JOHN BULL.

To LORD MONTAGU OF BEAULIEU, K.C.I.E., Beaulieu, Hampshire.

MY LORD,—I am glad you are to raise the matter of the excavation of roads in the House of Lords. Gas companies and the like seem purposely to wait until a new road is built, or an old one renovated, before they decide to lay their mains, cables or drains, and, as you point out, this repeated road-opening is responsible for more than half our traffic congestion. For a time we were inclined to treat the matter as a good joke, but of late it has become too serious a subject for jesting. JOHN BULL.

To Dr. ALFRED SALTER, M.P., Storks Road, Bermondsey, S.E.

DEAR SIR,—The Bermondsey Board of Guardians has been informed by the Ministry of Health that relief rates in the district are still too high, and instructions have been issued that on no account must out-relief be granted to casual labourers. You advise desperate opposition to this official tyranny, and I am with you all the way. To treat the casual labourer and his dependents as if they were impervious to hunger, creatures of a different clay, is class prejudice at its worst. JOHN BULL.

To Mr. J. WESTWOOD, M.P., Viewforth Street, Kirkcaldy, Fifeshire.

DEAR SIR,—Where reasonable facilities are provided by educational authorities for the conveyance of children to and from school a distance of three miles from residence should not be held a reasonable excuse for non-attendance. The most hopeful thing about the Parliamentary Labour Party is its keenness for education. Therefore, I trust the Bill you have brought in to amend the law will go through. An ignorant citizen is a nuisance, "social dirt," in fact, as H. G. Wells so aptly said. JOHN BULL.

To the Hon. Mr. JUSTICE HILL, Divorce Division, High Court of Justice.

SIR,—When a man whose wife had committed adultery sought to take upon his own shoulders the onus of blame, you stigmatised his attempt to manufacture evidence as not only wrong, but absolutely idiotic. I confess I see something rather fine in this effort to shield the good name of the woman he vowed to protect. I maintain that the adjective "idiotic" is best applied to a law which insists on adultery as an adjunct to annulment of marriage. JOHN BULL.

To Sir HARRY LAUDER, Victoria Palace, London.

DEAR SIR HARRY,—You have had a great welcome on your return to old London. It is well deserved. Stricken by the loss of your nearest and best, you presently felt it your duty to carry on. This makes your present performances more than entertainment. They show the other fellow how to go through his own dark times and still play the man. JOHN BULL.

To the Rt. Hon. Sir H. NIELD, K.C., M.P., Temple, E.C.

DEAR SIR,—Your anxiety at the Middlesex Sessions to push a boy of fifteen into the dock does little credit to your judgment and less to your grasp of the present-day spirit. It is satisfactory to know that the warders kept the boy outside. Statute or no statute, they were obeying orders, and they were right. JOHN BULL.

To Mr. E. S. RASHLEIGH, Chairman, Enfield Magistrates.

DEAR SIR,—With the understanding heart of a father, you paid the fine of a poor boy tempted to steal his employer's money. The lad was hungry, and when he found himself with money to buy something for his employer the urge to purchase food for himself was too strong. The lad said that he had "no friends." He made a mistake. He has found one in yourself. JOHN BULL.

To Mrs. NEVILLE DIXEY, Women's National Liberal Federation.

DEAR MADAM,—"It is obvious that the Officers' Training Corps is a public school nursery for war." With this declaration it is difficult to disagree, and it is a scandal that the Government should grant public money to an organisation the aims of which are repugnant to so many. That membership should, in effect, be compulsory is also a matter for complaint. Only those who desire a military training should be called upon, and the expense should wholly be borne by the parents.

JOHN BULL.

To Dr. ESTHER RICKARDS, London County Council.

DEAR MADAM,—Over 3,000 mothers in this country die annually in childbirth, and you affirm that if, as a nation, we took the matter of maternal mortality wholeheartedly we could halve the casualties from this cause in less than three years. When we compute, also, the saving in child-life, it must be acknowledged that any sum, however great, expended to this end would be returned to the State a hundredfold. JOHN BULL.

To Mr. HOWARD ROBERTS, Deputy Town Clerk, Liverpool.

DEAR SIR,—When the Liverpool Property Owners' Association sought to convince the Corporation that certain houses were habitable, and that the tenants had expressed their satisfaction with them, you stated that, on the contrary, they had complained that it was a disgrace that anybody should be asked to live in them. At the same time, the retort that the Corporation had collected rates for the same filthy hovels was a palpable hit. JOHN BULL.

Straight from the Shoulder

GEN. SIR IAN HAMILTON:—"Would to God the great day of the millennium had dawned."

It dawned 1,928 years ago, only we are too wilfully blind to see it.

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PHILIP SNOWDEN, M.P.:—"If people are dissatisfied with a Government it is their duty to change it."

And then it won't be for the better unless the electors insist that the elected keep their promises.

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MR. GREENFORD, M.P.:—"£1,500 is the minimum required to start a family in Western Australia or anywhere else."

Which proves that a good many families never get a start in this country or anywhere else.

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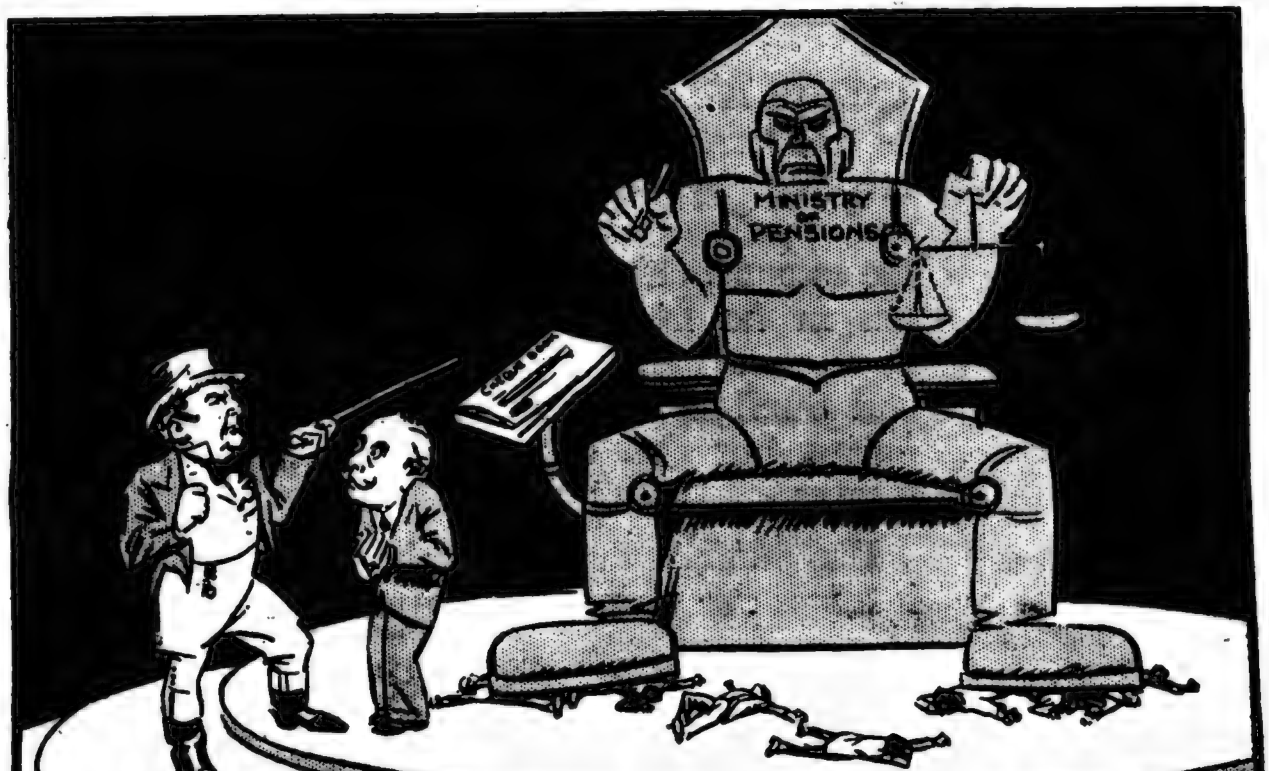
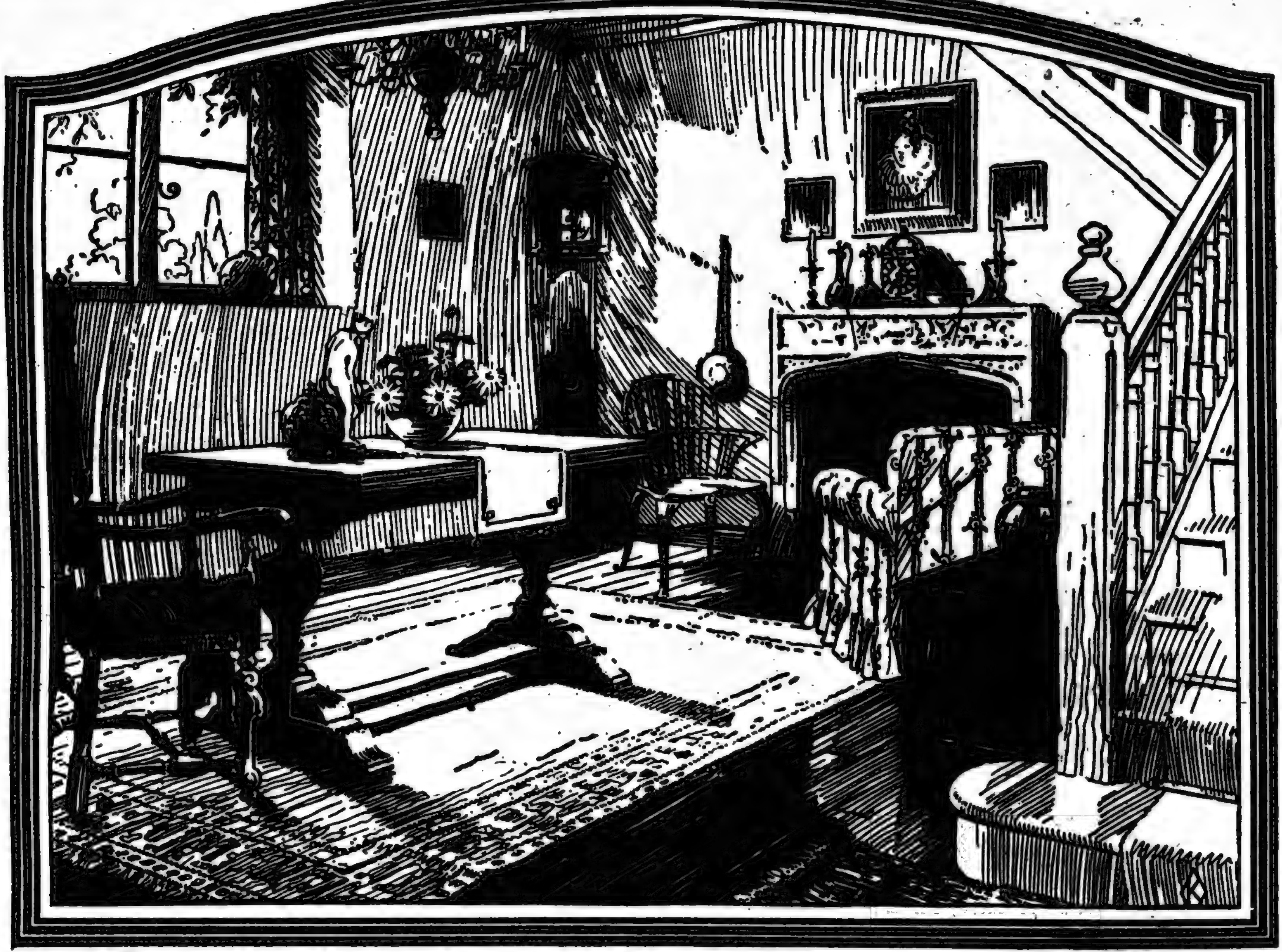
JUDGE WOODCOCK:—"The curse is that youth is not ready to go through the humdrum of learning business."

A bigger curse is that so few youths nowadays have a chance.



John Bull to Major Tryon: "What that thing wants is a heart!"



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This sketch will provide many suggestions in the arrangement of furniture and pictures. The following points will especially be noticed:—

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Without Fear or Favour—by the Editor

THE GREAT SKINFLINT TRICK

A PEEP INTO HEARTBREAK HOUSE

Who'd Be a Hero?

MORE and more we fail to understand the attitude of the Ministry of Pensions. As our cartoonist says on page 17, "That thing wants a heart." It persists in treating the disabled ex-soldier as though he were rather worse than a criminal, and pensions that are the legal right of such men are wilfully and knowingly withheld until pressure is brought to bear.

Our Pensions Department recently dealt with the case of a man who lost his right leg in the war, for which he was receiving a pension assessed at 60 per cent. He has a wife and seven children, and has been unemployed since 1921.

From the information in our possession, it was clear that he should have been receiving a 70 per cent. pension. We took his case up with the Ministry of Pensions, and he has now received a 10 per cent. permanent increase in his pension, together with £171 11s. 2d. arrears.

The point is this. Had it not been for JOHN BULL, *this man would never have known that he was entitled to an increased pension, would never have got it, and would never have got his arrears.*

TAKE the case of the woman who applied for a widow's pension under the Royal Warrant, June 30, 1927. She was notified by the Ministry of Pensions that she was ineligible on the ground that she was not maintained by her husband at the time of his death.

As, despite the Ministry of Pensions, there was a maintenance order in force, her case clearly fell to be dealt with under Article 19 of the Royal Warrant.

The result of JOHN BULL's intervention was the granting of an award of 8s. per week, taking effect from the date of our application. We were not satisfied. We applied for arrears of pension as from the date on which the woman herself first applied.

The Ministry replied that the arrears could not be paid, "in view of the interval elapsing between the refusal and the renewed application and in consonance with the general practice in such matters."

A very beautiful sentence! The Ministry, despite its command of high-sounding but fairly meaningless English, has granted the arrears none the less.

Take, finally, the case of a man who is in receipt of a pension on account of tuberculosis. He was examined by the tuberculosis officer acting for the Ministry of Pensions, who certified that he was unfit for work, and that he should be admitted to Salterley Grange Sanatorium as soon as a vacancy occurred.

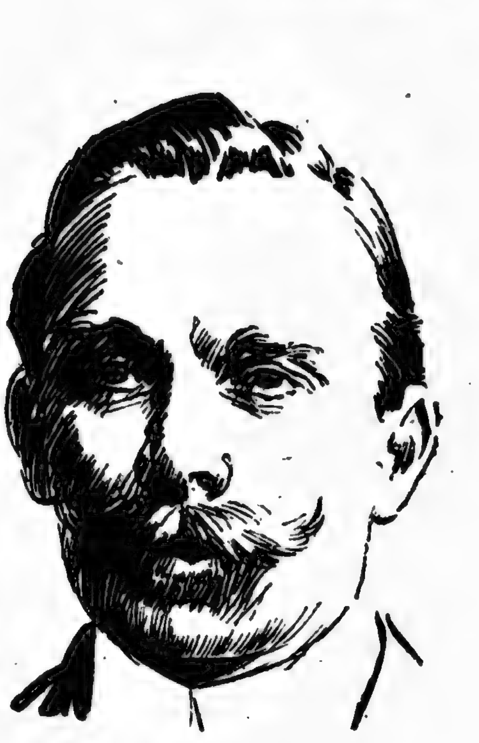
But he was refused treatment allowance pending his admission, and although he made a complaint to the local complaints committee, he could not obtain satisfaction.

JOHN BULL wrote to the Ministry of Pensions, and within nine days was informed that "treatment allowances have been paid in respect of the period whilst waiting admission to the Salterley Grange Sanatorium."

What other description of the Ministry of Pensions could one use after a long succession of cases of this sort than the description we have already used: "Treating the disabled ex-soldier as though he were rather worse than a criminal, and pensions that are the legal right of such men are wilfully and knowingly withheld until pressure is brought to bear"?

So far as treatment allowances are concerned, we have every reason to believe that local medical officers of the Ministry of Pensions have been definitely instructed to curtail the payment of such allowances as much as possible.

We hope that some Member of Parliament who has the interests of the ex-soldier at heart will make it his business speedily to enquire on the floor of the House of Commons whether or not this is a fact. If it is a fact, it is a damnable one.



The Rt. Hon. Major G. C. Tryon, M.P., Minister of Pensions

GIVE YOUTH ITS CHANCE!

Building for Beauty

IT is an inevitable sequence that the greatest city in the world should often be confronted with problems of colossal magnitude. London is the largest capital in Europe, but it is not the most beautiful. This is not to decry the splendours of London, nor to forget the inspirations that have made her noble buildings world-famous.

It is in the adaptation of our ancient cities to the requirements of modern life where citizenship is going wrong. The tendency to delay, to block, and to make prominent all private (and conflicting) interests is most marked whenever bridge building, street widening, or road widening is under discussion.

And, finally, there is always urged as insuperable the question of cost. This is painfully in evidence in regard to the problem of Charing Cross and the Strand. We choose this example merely because it is typical of what happens in every city when improvements are afoot.

Here in the heart of the metropolis is a site for which worthy and adequate plans of reconstruction have been prepared. Engineers and architects have given of their best.

But the work must be delayed for years and years because of "the immense cost," somewhere in the neighbourhood of £10,000,000. And this in the country where, year by year, millions as many again are spent without a quiver for battleships!

This reversal of values must be readjusted by a better sense of citizenship. Citizenship is dwindling in this country to too low an ebb. We are ceasing to demand beauty in our cities. We are growing contented with a dull level of ugliness that is not even useful.

It need not be. A visit to the architectural room of this year's Royal Academy of Arts would convince the most sceptical that modern inspiration is not lacking. Lofty elevations, noble structures, wide-spanning bridges, form and design, all are there.

Nor, while we are content to keep hosts of workers on the "dole," can we be said to lack the man-power to embody all these ideals in solid work of steel, marble and stone. We shall do it when we regain a better level of citizenship.

There are no men so degraded that they have no yearning for beauty. It is the one thing lifting man above the level of the beasts of the field. Trained and directed, it leads mankind on to the great heights of achievement. And the best way is to begin with the young. Give them the inheritance of beautiful cities. Above all, give them their chance. Give them useful work to do.

THEY HAVE!

Why Can't We?

"I HAVE been a driver of pit ponies in the coal mines for many years," writes a miner from Glamorgan, "and I say, unhesitatingly, that it is a scandal that ponies are still used underground. It is cruel, and it is unnecessary."

Such strong condemnation from a man of practical experience needs no added emphasis.

But, since any day a penn'orth of practice is worth more than a pound of theory, it appears useful, when cruelty to pit ponies is in question, to remember the Belgian experiment.

Since 1924 experiments with electric accumulator haulage have been carried out in that country at Lens Colliery, and two distinct types of locomotives are used.

One, a heavy engine for traffic on main haulage roads; the other, a smaller type for haulage operations near by. Of all the haulage effected, 80 per cent. is handled by the electric locomotives and only 20 per cent. by ponies.

The first results of the trial are astonishing. Very little modification of roads was needed to change over to machinery. There have been no fatal accidents.

Minor accidents are fewer than with horses, and output is increased. It will shortly be double that of pre-war.

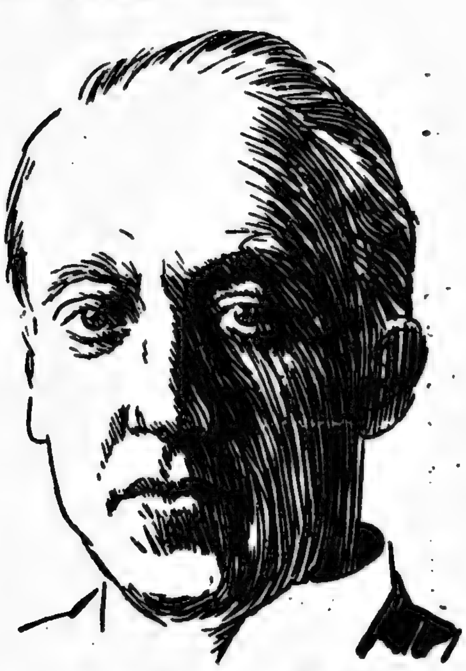
And while the cost of horse haulage works out at 5.68d. per useful ton-mile, the electric haulage costs only 1.45d., and this will be still lessened as the first, less-satisfactory types of locomotives are replaced by others up to date.

As for the cost of instalment, it has already been more than paid for by the increased output. This cuts the ground from the last ditch of those declining to replace animals by machinery on the score of cost. They have no case. Pit ponies must go.

A Liar's Confession

by E. ROFFE THOMPSON

A FAMOUS Frenchman once said: "As long as the people are armed against each other there will be lying statesmen just as there will be cannons and machine-guns." And no less a person than Lord Fisher said: "The nation was fooled into the war."



Mr. Arthur Ponsonby, M.P.

IT is not often that I go out of my way to give publicity to a book. There are very few books written that are worth it.

I have just read, however, one of the very few that are worth it. It is a book every man and woman in this country should read. It is called "Falsehood in War Time," and is written by Mr. Arthur Ponsonby, M.P.

It is not my purpose in this article, any more than it is Mr. Ponsonby's purpose in his book, to discuss who was responsible for the war, who were the guilty or who were the innocent.

The sole effect of the book is a shattering disclosure of the lies, tricks and subterfuges by means of which alone it is possible to drive herds of otherwise rational human beings to massacre and mutual slaughter.

Blunt truth

I have told more than once in these columns the true story of the secret arrangement with France which forced this country to join in the war, despite the fact that Mr. Asquith and Sir Edward Grey both formally denied.

Yet Lord Lansdowne called it "an obligation of honour," Mr. Lloyd George characterised it as "a compact," the late Sir Eyre Crowe said it was "an honourable expectation," and even Lord Grey himself has since admitted that if we had not joined in on the side of France (quite apart from the violation of Belgian neutrality) he would have resigned.

And did not the *Times* in the middle of the war solemnly say: "Our honour and our interest must have compelled us to join France and Russia even if Germany had scrupulously respected the rights of the small countries and had sought to hack her way into France through the eastern fortresses"?

The blunt truth is that Germany's invasion of Belgium was a perfect godsend to the Government, which did not scruple to exploit it.

False photos

Many of my readers will remember the sensation caused not so many months ago when General Charteris in an after-dinner speech in New York confessed that he had been responsible for the invention of the revolting story of the notorious German "corpse factory" which spread throughout the world during the war and was largely responsible for bringing in China on the side of the Allies.

The confession of General Charteris was at once denied by all sorts of responsible people, but no less a person than Sir Austen Chamberlain himself finally nailed that colossal lie to the counter.

When he was asked in the House of Commons if he had any statement to make as to the "corpse factory" story he said: "The Chancellor of the German Reich has authorised me to say, on the authority of the German Government, that there was never any foundation for it. I need scarcely add that on behalf of His Majesty's Government I accept this denial and I trust that this false report will not again be revived."

Mr. Ponsonby tells how a photograph in a German paper which represented interned Russian and French lining up with their basins for the distribution of food was reproduced a year later in an English newspaper with the explanation that it was a crowd of Germans lining up for rations.

There was a photograph of German officers inspecting munition cases which was reproduced in an English paper as "German officers pillaging chests in a French chateau." And there was a photograph of a German soldier bending over a fallen German comrade reproduced in an English paper with the title: "Definite proof of the Huns' abuse of the rules of war: German ghoul actually caught in the act of robbing a Russian."

Tale of a baby

And there was a photograph of three cavalry officers with the cups and other trophies which they had won at an Army steeplechase in June of 1914, which appeared in August, 1915, in an English newspaper with the title: "Three German cavalrymen loaded with gold and silver loot."

There were hundreds of similar instances, but these will suffice. Official papers were doctored in all countries, vital documents were left out of official books, and things were done by statesmen, who in their private lives were the height of honour, that could only be described by the strongest words in the dictionary.

Mr. Ponsonby's book is full from end to end of stories like these that would be incredible if they were not fully documented with names and dates.

It is as well that we should not be allowed to forget, for instance, the famous baby of Courbeck Loo. It is as well, too, to give the story in the words of the man who confessed to its invention.

Captain F. W. Wilson related it in America, where it appeared in the *New York Times*.

"A correspondent of the London *Daily Mail*, Captain Wilson, found himself in Brussels at the time the war broke out. They telegraphed out that they wanted stories of atrocities. Well, there weren't any atrocities at that time. So they telegraphed out that they wanted stories of refugees. So I said to myself, That's fine, I won't have to move. There was a little town outside Brussels where one went to get dinner—a very good dinner too.

Gulled and spoofed

"I heard the Huns had been there. I supposed there must have been a baby there, so I wrote a heartrending story about the baby of Courbeck Loo being rescued from the Hun in the light of the burning homesteads.

"The next day they telegraphed out to me to send the baby along, as they had about five thousand letters offering to adopt it. The day after that baby clothes began to pour into the office. Even Queen Alexandra wired her sympathy and sent some clothes.

"Well, I couldn't wire back to them that there wasn't a baby, so I finally arranged with the doctor who took care of the refugees that the blessed baby died of some very contagious disease so that it could not even have a public burial. And we got Lady Northcliffe to start a crêche with all the baby clothes."

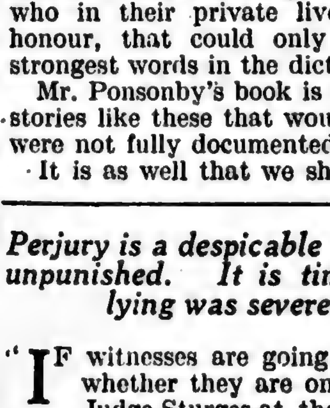
After that there does not seem much more to be said. Mr. Ponsonby's book is a plain and unemotional account of how the Governments of every nation in the world spoofed and gulled the citizens. Don't forget that it was the citizens who as a result of the gulling and spoofing went and died in their millions. The Governments sat at home in safety.

I do not think any sane man or woman who once gets it into their head what Mr. Ponsonby's exposures really mean will have much mercy on any "statesman" who ever again proposes to send them to war.

Anything b

Perjury is a despicable crime far too often unpunished. It is time that witness-box lying was severely dealt with

"IF witnesses are going to lie, they will do so whether they are on oath or not," declared Judge Sturges at the West London County Court. Because of his experience and his belief he would like to see the oath abolished.



Judge Sturges

That is not the way to stop that enormous growth of witness-box lying which has been the experience of almost all courts during the past few years.

At one time perjury was deemed excusable only in the Divorce Court, for many people held that it was the duty of a "gentleman" to lie, even on oath, in an attempt to save the good name of a woman. Now perjury is common in the High Courts, the county courts, and the police courts.

It is not even recognised as perjury, but as "making the best of a case," or "helping a pal," or "getting out of a hole." Every day, all over the country, we find one set of witnesses swearing that black is white and another set swearing that white is black.

I am afraid that even professional witnesses such as policemen do not always set the best of examples to the members of the general public. A witness swears to "tell the whole truth"—that is to say, the "whole truth" as he sees or knows it.

But two witnesses do not often see a thing or an event in exactly the same way, and if and when two constables, before the hearing of a case, compare their notebooks in order to see that their notes correspond, take their notebooks into the witness-box, and give exactly similar evidence, one gets an impression that one or the other of the witnesses has not told the whole truth.

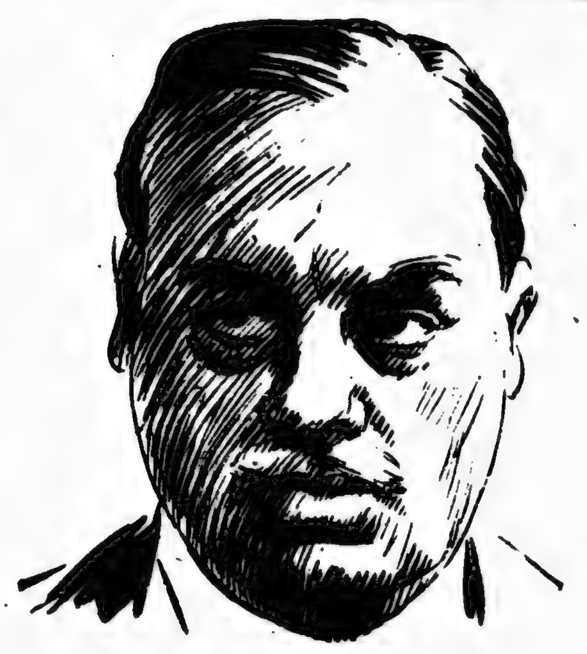
THAT is why so many magistrates will not accept uncorroborated police evidence, and the impression is unfortunate in its influence on the public. I believe that the majority of police do give true evidence according to their oath, but, nevertheless, I believe that if their system of preparing evidence were made an offence it would be a public demonstration by the police authorities themselves in favour of a cleaner witness-box.

That would be a far better move than the abolition of the oath. The latter would lead to

Great Newspaper Plot

by A. G. GARDINER

THE concentration of the power of the Press in a few hands threatens the whole democratic institution. It gives a power over the State and over men's lives. Any dictatorship is evil; a dictatorship over the minds and thoughts of men is a national menace



The Rt. Hon. Viscount Rothermere

A LOUD-SPEAKER is harmless and may be a blessing if you can control it yourself—switch it off and on at leisure or throw it out of the window if it is an unmitigated nuisance. But a loud-speaker that you can't control, and that bellows at you wherever you go, is a private horror and a public peril.

This is a parable. It is suggested to me by a remark made by Mr. J. C. King, the president of the Newspaper Society, at the annual dinner of that society at the Savoy Hotel.

"The day is far distant I hope," he said, "when the Press will be a series of loud-speakers to carry the voice of one man or a group of men, no matter how high the ideals which animate the man or the group. The best safeguard for British democracy is the continued existence of unfettered and independent organs of public opinion."

In expressing that hope, Mr. King, I fear, was whistling to keep up his courage. For the day which he said he hoped was far distant is already here.

If the well-being of British democracy depends on the "continued existence of unfettered and independent organs of public opinion" (as I think it does), it is a bad look-out for British democracy.

Startling announcement

In the very same paper that reported Mr. King's speech there was a startling example of the progress of the thing he dreaded. It was announced that a battle that had been raging for some time between the two great Press magnates for the possession of the Aberdeen Press had ended in the victory of Sir William Berry over Lord Rothermere.

There is no town in the country which has had a more reputable record in journalism than Aberdeen. Its newspapers, locally owned and controlled, represented the highest traditions. They were "unfettered and independent organs of public opinion."

That is all over. The great financiers who are devouring the newspaper Press of the country have annexed this Naboth's vineyard as lightly as they might swallow a *hors d'œuvre* at their Gargantuan feast. They entered the field with vast resources and bid against each other on a scale that the proprietors could not resist.

Bagging the Press

Lord Rothermere seems to have left his last bid a little too late, and the result is that Sir William Berry "bags" Aberdeen as he "bagged" the Hulton Press of Manchester, after Lord Rothermere had taken his bite, and as he bagged the "Chronicle" Press of Newcastle.

Even as I write this, more "bags" have been made. Sir William Berry has got the Derby *Daily Express* and Lord Rothermere the Derby *Daily Telegraph*.

All this is serious. It marks a new phase of the passing of the Press of the country into the hands of one or two great monopolists, and the disappearance of "unfettered and independent organs of public opinion." The movement began with the capture of the popular metropolitan Press, but, gorged with their prosperity, our Alexanders demand new worlds to conquer.

Aberdeen is only an illustration of what is about to happen everywhere. Lord Rothermere has recently floated a company the stated purpose of which is to enable him to lay his heavy hand upon the local Press of the country.

Sir William Berry is in the field against him, and between them these two potentates look like parcelling out the journalistic estates of the countryside.

Where the present owners are patriotic and refuse to be bought out they will have all the weight of these immense machines, with their control of advertising, brought into the field against them to crush them and freeze them out.

What does it matter? you say. Isn't the same thing going on in all spheres—banks swallowing up banks, soap-works buying up soap-works, breweries breweries, and so on? Isn't the whole tendency of the time for industries to consolidate into few hands? Can it be prevented? Ought it to be prevented?

Terrific power

This is true, and, generally speaking, I am not prepared to say that it is undesirable. But the case of the Press stands alone and apart. The consolidation of breweries or soap-works, motor factories or textile factories into few hands is a merely commercial operation.

But the Press is not a mere manufacturing industry. It makes public opinion. It controls what we shall read, and, still more important, what we shall not read. It can "doctor" our news from home and abroad, can fill us with prejudices on this subject and passions on that.

A power like this is a power over the State. It is a power over men's lives. If the power is distributed, as it used to be, if it is exercised by men we know in our own communities, if, in a word, it is "unfettered and independent," an instructed public opinion emerges from the clash of many points of view.

But the concentration of this enormous power in a few hands, even in one or two hands, as is fast coming to be the case, threatens the whole democratic institution. The threat would be none the less evil if we could be sure that the potentate who wielded it was worthy of the trust.

Fight now!

But, in fact, neither of the financial magnates who are buying up the Press of the country with your money has any moral or intellectual claim to wield the enormous power over the nation that their operations give them. They are unknown to the public, unelected by the public; they have never done anything in the public service that gives any assurance of capacity to serve or of a desire to serve disinterestedly.

Yet they are our masters. Their control of public opinion makes them the masters of the politicians who will pay their price for power.

I do not see how this evil is to be checked, but I am sure it must be checked if we are to preserve a stable and instructed public opinion. In the meantime, I hope those provincial newspapers who think like Mr. King will not be idle. If they are to preserve an independent Press they must fight now. For the monopolists are out to eat them up as they have eaten up the famous Press of Aberdeen.

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the Truth!

by ARNOLD FREEMAN HOLT

more perjury, not less, for undoubtedly many people are affected by the solemnity of the oath who, without it, might not be so careful of the truth.

WHAT we need is the tightening-up of the administration of the law with regard to perjury, not a slackening of the law. How often do we get a case of perjury from the police-courts or the county courts? I cannot, at the moment, remember one!

Yet these courts teem with it. Magistrates know it; county courts judges know it; but apparently they content themselves with expressing their disbelief in a witness's evidence and take no further action.

Is it any wonder, then, that a man, believing that the oath is a matter of form, believing that the law against perjury is a dead letter, or perhaps not even knowing of the existence of the law, believing at the same time that he might possibly get out of payment or punishment by lying, *does* lie? The wonder would be if he didn't in many cases.

How many defendants in affiliation cases tell the truth on oath? Has one ever been prosecuted? Why not?

One or two prosecutions for perjury might make the path of victimised women easier. Certain it is that some drastic action is necessary if perjury is not to become part of our judicial system and the administration of the law brought into entire disrepute.

The police themselves ought to have the power to take action in local courts for perjury committed in the local courts; they ought to be instructed to use the power, and magistrates ought to have power to deal with such cases.

SWIFT action by the police, swift punishment by the magistrates, would stem the tide of perjury by impressing on offenders and on the general public that an oath is sacred, that lying on oath is perjury, and that perjury is a crime.

It is not, to-day, so regarded, especially in the minor courts. Plaintiffs, witnesses, defendants, prisoners, quite commonly go into the witness-box prepared for a period of hard lying in the hope of "getting away with it," and in the belief that it is only a question as to whom the judge or magistrate believes.

If their evidence is not believed, they have lost nothing by the attempt, and might have gained much. They do not anticipate any evil consequences to follow the lying. They need the lesson the law can give.

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THE WALLET WIZARDS

A PLAGUE OF PILFERERS

Dangerous Gang of "Snowflakes"

THE police are being occasioned considerable trouble at the present moment by the activities of a gang of super-thieves, who operate in all parts of the country, moving in the best circles and making a point of frequenting only the more exclusive hotels.

While these offenders can boast no central organisation, they are all known to each other, and, working in cliques of three or four, contrive to safeguard the interests of all.

They are mostly known by picturesque nicknames, and are known in the underworld as "snowflakes," because they always appear in public well-groomed and spruce.

Much of their time, indeed, is spent in hotel and public dressing-rooms, where, ostensibly making careful and elaborate toilets, they are really bent upon acquiring wallets and articles of jewellery from well-to-do guests.

Disquieting discovery

A typical instance of their methods is afforded by the exclusive story which centres around recent occurrences at a famous hotel in the West End of London, where the management has received many complaints from wealthy clients who have fallen victims to the gang.

One gentleman, for instance, who was staying at the hotel prior to visiting the South of France, was returning to his room after dinner one evening, when he noticed that the door of his room was ajar.

Investigation led to the discovery that his trunk had been tampered with and a large wad of bank-notes was missing, together with several other articles of value.

The matter was reported to Bow Street Police Station, and although detectives were summoned to the spot without delay, the thief had made good his escape.

The detectives satisfied themselves, however, that the theft was the work of a "snowflake," as it transpired that the victim's apartment was adjacent to one of the dressing-rooms.

The victim thought the robbery all the more extraordinary because he had locked his door before going down to dinner and had taken the key with him.

It is a fact, however, that the more polished practitioners amongst the "snowflakes" are well provided with skeleton keys, and that few hotel doors are proof against their determined attentions.

Dodging the police

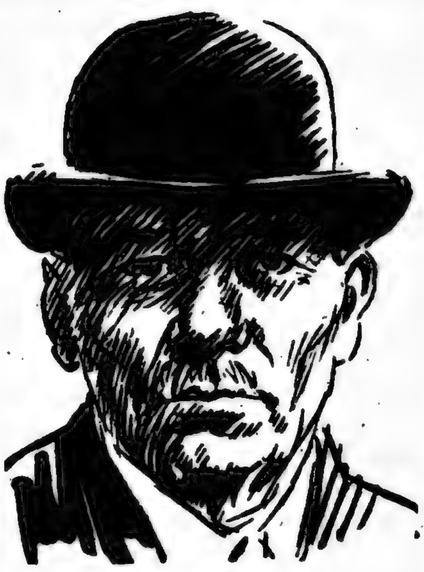
One notorious "snowflake" is George Wilkins, who, in the course of a long criminal record, has adopted an endless array of aliases.

Wilkins was born fifty-four years ago in Newcastle, Australia, and first fell into police hands in 1908 in the name of George Samuel Knott, for stealing valuables from an hotel in Pretoria.

On this occasion his efforts were rewarded with a year's imprisonment. After his release he embarked upon similar exploits on a grander scale, and for nearly two years succeeded in evading the South African police, bringing off coup after coup.

Then he was apprehended at Johannesburg and sentenced to three and a half years' penal servitude.

At the end of this sentence the South African Government resolved that he should not be given a chance to repeat his performances, and Wilkins was deported to England as an undesirable character.



George Wilkins

Rich harvest

He disembarked at Southampton on February 20, 1914, and almost immediately thefts were reported to the police, and seven weeks later he was arrested and sentenced to five years' penal servitude.

During this sentence he told the prison authorities that he would like to make atonement by joining the Army. He was released for this purpose, but did not report to the military authorities for some months. Then, when he did enlist, he deserted almost immediately.

For two years he resorted to his old criminal habits without detection, reaping a rich harvest by frequenting public dressing-rooms and abstracting valuables whenever possible.

Growing careless, however, he fell into the hands of the Margate police for purloining a watch.

After this an exceptional number of wallets were reported as having been stolen in the Guildhall area of London, and on strict watch being kept, the robberies were brought home to Wilkins.

With his apprehension the epidemic of thefts dwindled considerably in that particular area. This fact is significant, as we are able to state that the "snowflake" crooks are each allotted specific fields for their endeavours, and one member of the gang will not poach upon another's preserves.

Another notorious "snowflake" is a well-educated young man of twenty-nine, who, with intermittent periods of honesty, has been involved in a life of crime almost from boyhood.

At the age of fourteen, for instance, he committed a trivial burglary and was bound over. For a year or so he kept straight, and then, falling in with convicted thieves, came under police notice again. Once more he was bound over.

Some others

After this he was found, in company with an older hand, relieving people of their wallets. The older hand escaped, but the youth, Fitzgerald, resisted arrest and struck the officer violently. This time he was let off with three months' hard labour.

On his release reports were made to the effect that numerous wallets were being stolen from the dressing-rooms at Euston Station. Investigation led to the arrest of Fitzgerald, who was caught red-handed with two wallets in his possession, containing £54.

Another polished exponent of this profitable form of crime is known as the "Yank." He is a most elusive person, and, though there is no doubt that he has been associated with innumerable cloak-room robberies, he defies capture.

Another notorious "snowflake" is William Henry Martin, of Great George Street, Westminster, S.W.

Martin is an aged man who carries himself extremely well for his years, and has caused the police considerable trouble over a long period.

A clever exponent of the art of "whizzing" wallets from the pockets of unsuspecting dupes, he has been convicted on more than one occasion, but, despite a taste of prison life, finds the game too profitable to be discarded for honest work.

Round them up!

Another clever trickster is a many-aliased man whose neat, dapper, little figure may be seen about the West End of London nightly.

He frequents the best hotels and clubs, and has a number of male and female satellites, all of whom have bad criminal records, and who work under his direction.

Although, as we have shown, certain "snowflakes" occasionally meet with a check, by far the greater proportion contrive to evade arrest and will continue to do so until Scotland Yard makes some concerted effort and endeavours to round them up in a series of well-timed raids.

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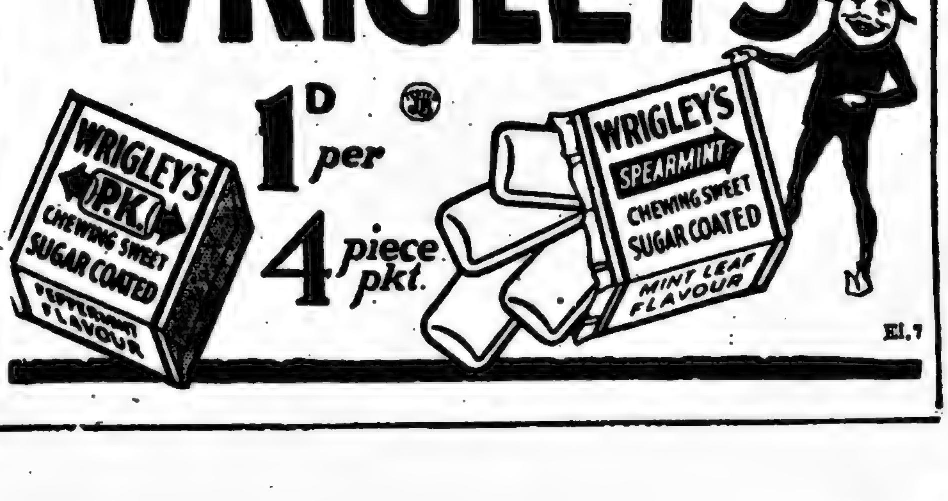

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In the casual ward a man's bed is often nothing but a plank of wood raised from the floor, sometimes with a partition between him and the next sleeper, sometimes without. If he is lucky he may have a bed frame filled with a chaff mattress and pillow and blankets, all too frequently vermin-infested.

True, on entering the casual ward in the evening, he is forced to take a bath. This, however, is not everywhere compulsory, while there are plenty of occasions where as many as six men are bathed together, and since there is often a shortage of towels or soap or hot water, the word is robbed of half its meaning and all its comforts.

Soulless tasks

For food the "casual" has bread with margarine or dripping, sometimes too fusty to eat, and at another meal cheese at times too active to be touched. He has tea or cocoa to drink, with vegetable broth at mid-day. On this fare he is supposed to do manual work, such as wood-chopping or floor-scouring!

Whatever task he is set, it is a soulless, miserable one, and it brings him no pay and no satisfaction, since no one in authority cares how it is done.

It is merely a condition of his being kept compulsorily for two nights in the ward, before being sent off on the second morning with a ration of bread and cheese in his pocket, to walk perhaps twenty or twenty-five miles to fare a little better, or worse, in the next town. That is, if he does not secure, and he is unlikely to, employment on the way.

If he arrives at his destination with bleeding and swollen feet, he may plead for ointment and bandages. But should the porter and his assistant-helper, chosen from the "casuals," feel disinclined to humour requests, they will not be forthcoming.

Driven to suicide

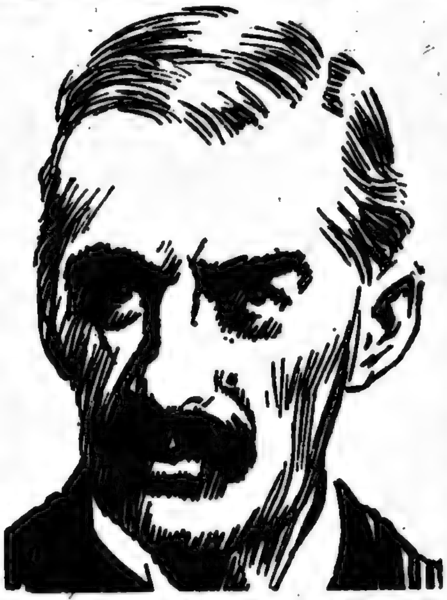
Ghastly conditions! Worse than prison! In prison a man is at least kept warm. Half the casual wards in the country are miserably cold in winter. Prisoners under short sentence are allowed to earn up to 5s. weekly, long-term convicts have a small gratuity on leaving. The "casual" cannot earn a farthing.

The prisoner has sufficient food, drink and exercise to keep him in health. His cost to the nation is £1 0s. 10d. per week. But in the casual ward a man is required to do manual labour on less internal fuel than would be required by a steam-engine, and his cost when living in, for all requirements, is in the neighbourhood of 14s. a week.

Is it any wonder that many a man is tempted to commit crime to get out of such a life?

A typical casual is the ex-Service man, who, cast aside by the country after the war, has now lost the ability he had to be a useful citizen.

Here is an instance of an ex-Service tramp within our own knowledge. A prisoner of war from 1916 till the Armistice, he was employed in 1927 in public works, but owing to shortage of lodgings, slept in a drain-pipe, grew physically unfit, lost his job and was forced to take to the road.



The Rt. Hon. Neville Chamberlain, M.P., Minister of Health

Sad delusion

It is no recommendation of our boards of guardians that after a five weeks' tramp in the winter, during which he visited twenty casual wards, every article of clothing he possessed had to be burned!

The majority of men in our casual wards to-day really are needing work, could be set to work, and are capable of self-support.

The sad delusion that work is to be had in London has caused an increase of 157 per cent. of casuals, from January, 1923, to January, 1926, passing through Hertfordshire.

At Eaton and Aylesbury, towns near London, overcrowding in the workhouses is so terrible that distracted guardians cannot cope with the drift of men. In Middlesex the increase is 126 per cent. since 1913.

There is something more than mere figures to sicken us in the number of lads between seventeen and twenty-one who are found on the roads with the lowest type of men. These congregate chiefly in towns where the casual ward is known colloquially as the "Home Rule" type.

In these, baths are not insisted on and the tramp is allowed to take inside his sack of none too clean possessions. In one such ward, full to overflowing, five lads and three men slept in the bathroom. At Belmont, which houses 999 male inmates, the youngest is a boy of sixteen.

Such institutions, designed to receive able-bodied men, have now their percentages of mental deficients, men not certifiably mad, but certainly weak-minded. It is enough to make the least sensitive flesh creep that mere youths are being brought up among them.

Despicable plea

The result of such methods of handling the men of the nation is apparent when it comes to recruiting for the Army, the Navy and the public services. Six out of every ten who offer are physically unfit.

How can the 500,000 casuals in the country (which does not include the 24,000 brought before the magistrates for vagrancy and is still less than the inmates of the Poor Law institutions, which number 40,343 men, 18,702 women and 42,000 children) be healthy, tramping all day or performing manual tasks on a diet of bread and inferior fat?

The plea that money shortage is responsible for not giving employment to those who could quite well be employed does not wash any better than the lack of soap at some casual wards.

Listen to the report from a Yorkshire inspector of workhouses:

> "In the West Riding, out of a total of 53,294 admissions, only 22,488—that is, less than 50 per cent. of casuals—were detained two nights. It is hoped that when all buildings and extensions to the accommodation are completed, much more satisfactory results will be forthcoming."

There you have it in a nutshell. There is money enough to build larger workhouses, in which a man may be kept two nights to accomplish some meaningless task, such as stone-pounding or wood-chopping.

Everything taken away

But there is no money to carry out the sanitary schemes, the making of main roads, the planting of trees, the reclaiming of waste land, jobs that are simply crying out to be done.

Meanwhile in England, every day now growing greener and more lovely to look on, thousands of wretched casuals will sleep at night on bare wood, half hungry, only warm if the weather allows. Miserable, apathetic, careless of themselves or others, they exist with everything in life worth living for taken away.

There is no justice in this, no need, no sense. It is no good the Minister of Health trying to wriggle out of his responsibilities on the plea that the task he has to face is gigantic. He could if he liked immediately set about remedying these foul conditions.

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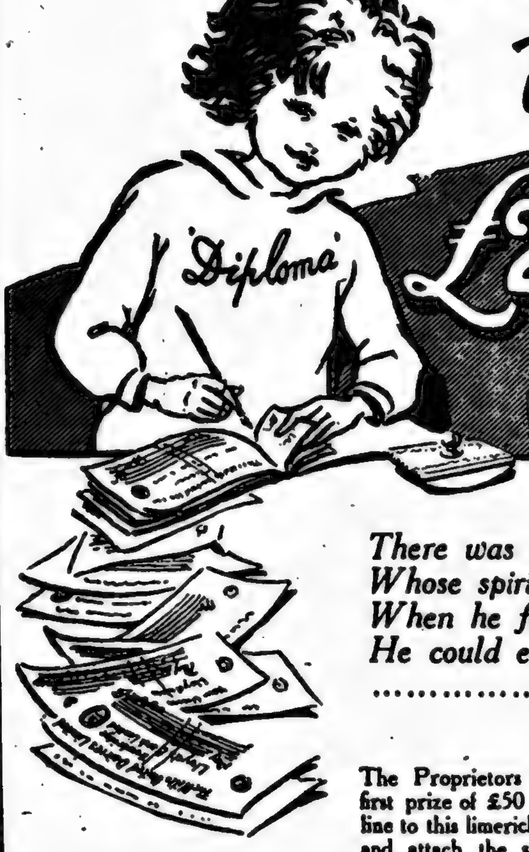

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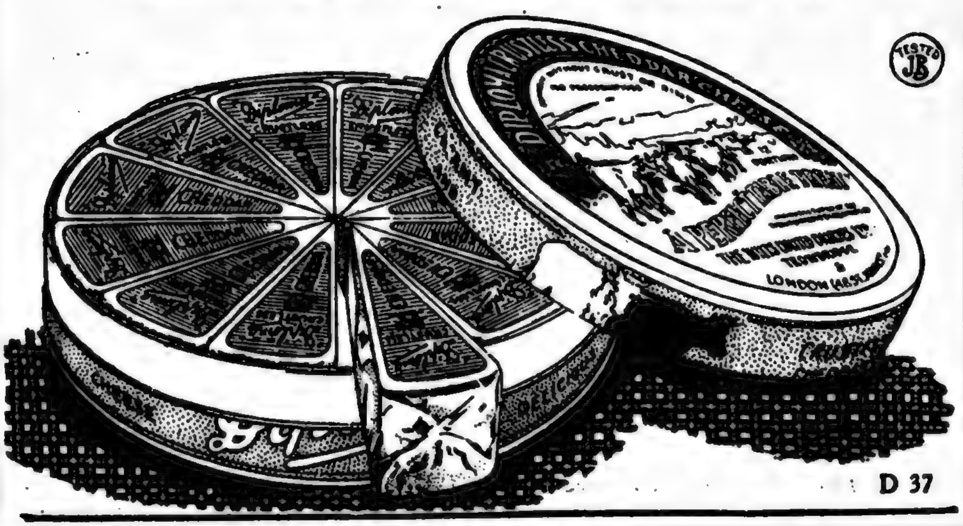

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Worse Than Prison!

PITY the poor devil who is "on tramp"! In these post-war days of unemployment roughly some 500,000 folk—men, women and children—are living in and out of the casual wards of our Poor Law institutions under conditions more suited to pigs.

In the casual ward a man's bed is often nothing but a plank of wood raised from the floor, sometimes with a partition between him and the next sleeper, sometimes without. If he is lucky he may have a bed frame filled with a chaff mattress and pillow and blankets, all too frequently vermin-infested.

True, on entering the casual ward in the evening, he is forced to take a bath. This, however, is not everywhere compulsory, while there are plenty of occasions where as many as six men are bathed together, and since there is often a shortage of towels or soap or hot water, the word is robbed of half its meaning and all its comforts.

Soulless tasks

For food the "casual" has bread with margarine or dripping, sometimes too fusty to eat, and at another meal cheese at times too active to be touched. He has tea or cocoa to drink, with vegetable broth at mid-day. On this fare he is supposed to do manual work, such as wood-chopping or floor-scouring!

Whatever task he is set, it is a soulless, miserable one, and it brings him no pay and no satisfaction, since no one in authority cares how it is done.

It is merely a condition of his being kept compulsorily for two nights in the ward, before being sent off on the second morning with a ration of bread and cheese in his pocket, to walk perhaps twenty or twenty-five miles to fare a little better, or worse, in the next town. That is, if he does not secure, and he is unlikely to, employment on the way.

If he arrives at his destination with bleeding and swollen feet, he may plead for ointment and bandages. But should the porter and his assistant-helper, chosen from the "casuals," feel disinclined to humour requests, they will not be forthcoming.

Driven to suicide

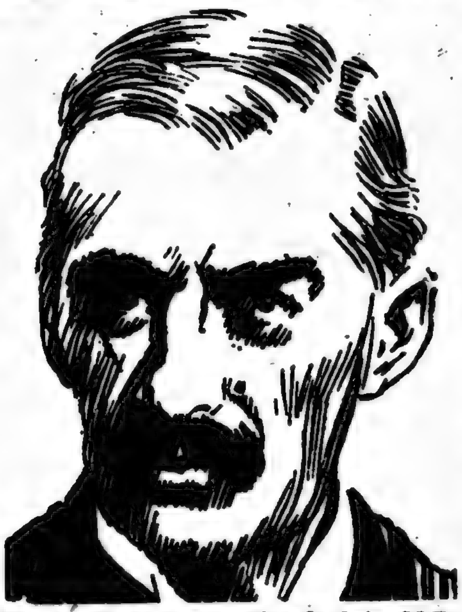
Ghastly conditions! Worse than prison! In prison a man is at least kept warm. Half the casual wards in the country are miserably cold in winter. Prisoners under short sentence are allowed to earn up to 5s. weekly, long-term convicts have a small gratuity on leaving. The "casual" cannot earn a farthing.

The prisoner has sufficient food, drink and exercise to keep him in health. His cost to the nation is £1 0s. 10d. per week. But in the casual ward a man is required to do manual labour on less internal fuel than would be required by a steam-engine, and his cost when living in, for all requirements, is in the neighbourhood of 14s. a week.

Is it any wonder that many a man is tempted to commit crime to get out of such a life?

A typical casual is the ex-Service man, who, cast aside by the country after the war, has now lost the ability he had to be a useful citizen.

Here is an instance of an ex-Service tramp within our own knowledge. A prisoner of war from 1916 till the Armistice, he was employed in 1927 in public works, but owing to shortage of lodgings, slept in a drain-pipe, grew physically unfit, lost his job and was forced to take to the road.



The Rt. Hon. Neville Chamberlain, M.P., Minister of Health.

Sad delusion

It is no recommendation of our boards of guardians that after a five weeks' tramp in the winter, during which he visited twenty casual wards, every article of clothing he possessed had to be burned!

The majority of men in our casual wards to-day really are needing work, could be set to work, and are capable of self-support.

The sad delusion that work is to be had in London has caused an increase of 157 per cent. of casuals, from January, 1923, to January, 1926, passing through Hertfordshire.

At Eaton and Aylesbury, towns near London, overcrowding in the workhouses is so terrible that distracted guardians cannot cope with the drift of men. In Middlesex the increase is 126 per cent. since 1913.

There is something more than mere figures to sicken us in the number of lads between seventeen and twenty-one who are found on the roads with the lowest type of men. These congregate chiefly in towns where the casual ward is known colloquially as the "Home Rule" type.

In these, baths are not insisted on and the tramp is allowed to take inside his sack of none too clean possessions. In one such ward, full to overflowing, five lads and three men slept in the bathroom. At Belmont, which houses 999 male inmates, the youngest is a boy of sixteen.

Such institutions, designed to receive able-bodied men, have now their percentages of mental deficients, men not certifiably mad, but certainly weak-minded. It is enough to make the least sensitive flesh creep that mere youths are being brought up among them.

Despicable plea

The result of such methods of handling the men of the nation is apparent when it comes to recruiting for the Army, the Navy and the public services. Six out of every ten who offer are physically unfit.

How can the 500,000 casuals in the country (which does not include the 24,000 brought before the magistrates for vagrancy and is still less than the inmates of the Poor Law institutions, which number 40,343 men, 18,702 women and 42,000 children) be healthy, tramping all day or performing manual tasks on a diet of bread and inferior fat?

The plea that money shortage is responsible for not giving employment to those who could quite well be employed does not wash any better than the lack of soap at some casual wards.

Listen to the report from a Yorkshire inspector of workhouses:

> "In the West Riding, out of a total of 53,294 admissions, only 22,488—that is, less than 50 per cent. of casuals—were detained two nights. It is hoped that when all buildings and extensions to the accommodation are completed, much more satisfactory results will be forthcoming."

There you have it in a nutshell. There is money enough to build larger workhouses, in which a man may be kept two nights to accomplish some meaningless task, such as stone-pounding or wood-chopping.

Everything taken away

But there is no money to carry out the sanitary schemes, the making of main roads, the planting of trees, the reclaiming of waste land, jobs that are simply crying out to be done.

Meanwhile in England, every day now growing greener and more lovely to look on, thousands of wretched casuals will sleep at night on bare wood, half hungry, only warm if the weather allows. Miserable, apathetic, careless of themselves or others, they exist with everything in life worth living for taken away.

There is no justice in this, no need, no sense. It is no good the Minister of Health trying to wriggle out of his responsibilities on the plea that the task he has to face is gigantic. He could if he liked immediately set about remedying these foul conditions.

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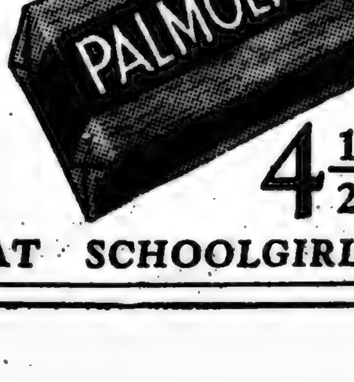

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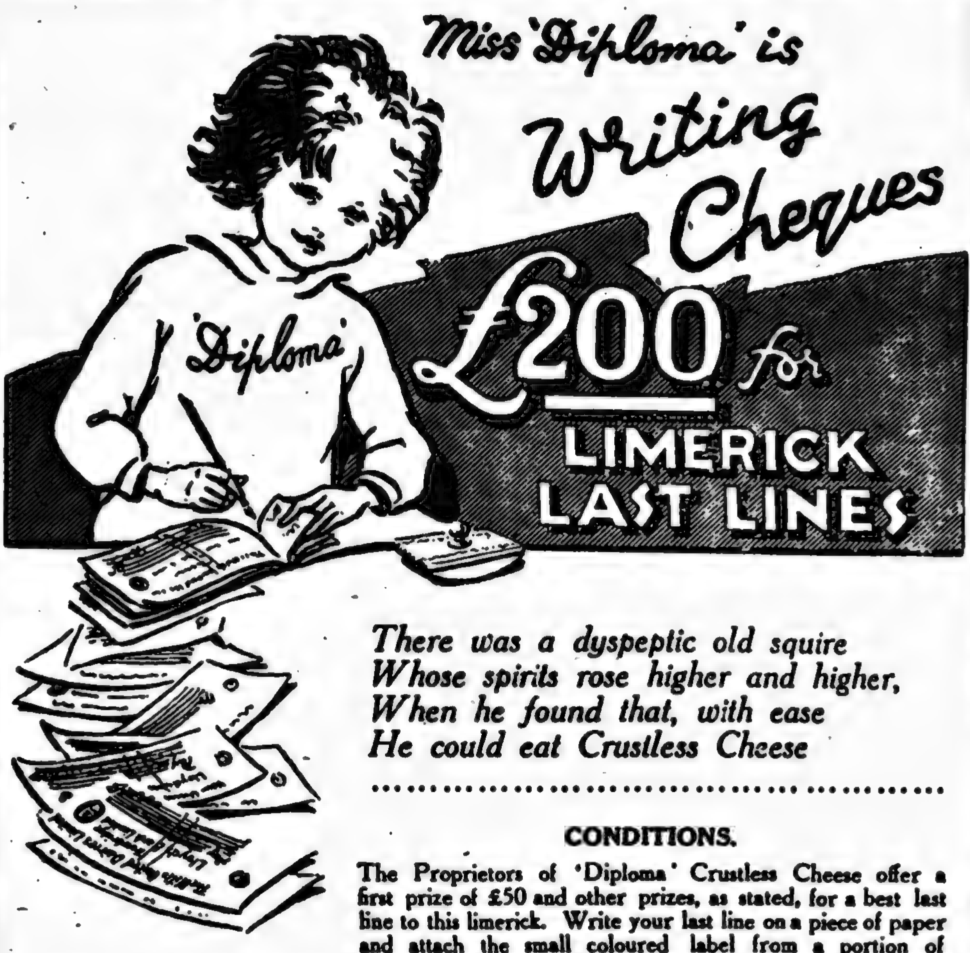

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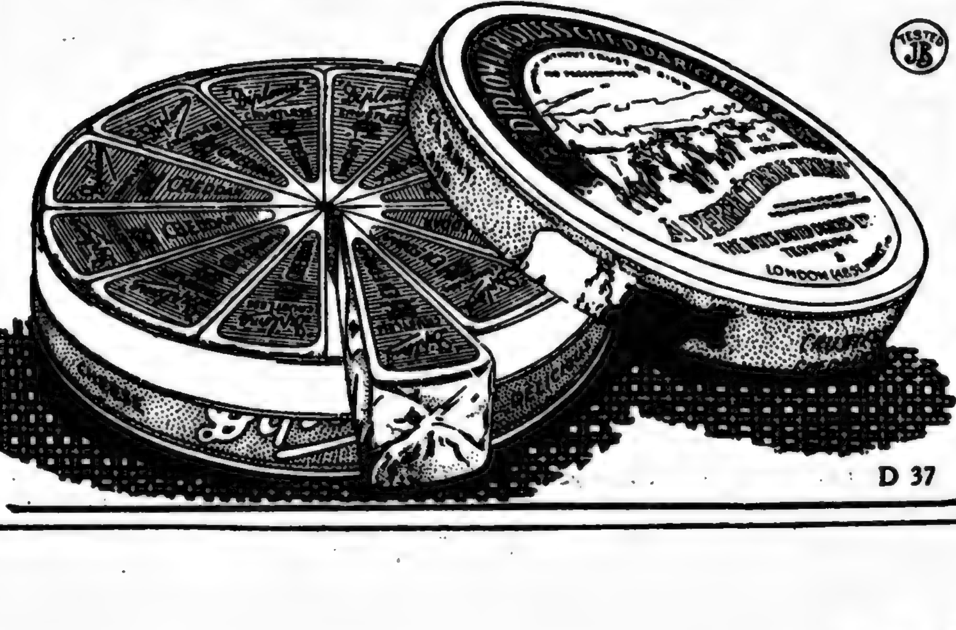
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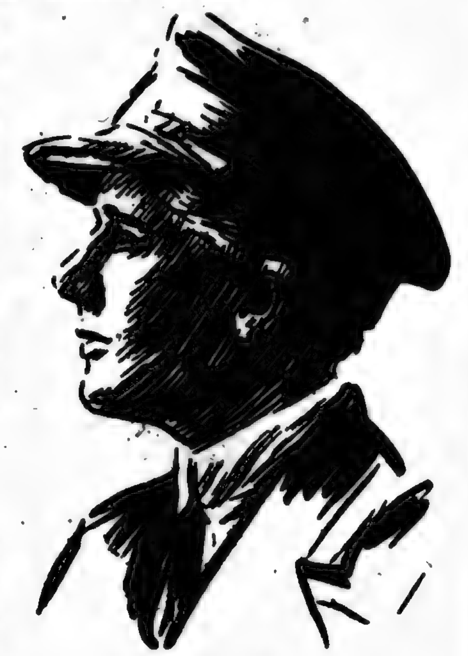
TRAPS FOR COUNTRY YOUTHS

by Commandant MARY S. ALLEN *(Chief of the Women's Auxiliary Service)*



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COMPETITION for the souls of youth rages continually between unprincipled schemers of the underworld in most of our great cities. Cunningly awaking vices, these harpies line their pockets by contriving the corruption and ultimate downfall of many a promising young citizen.

Unsophisticated country youths form their readiest prey. Yet how many parents warn their sons against the perils they may be called upon to face when they start work in a great city?

Tucked away in many a city by-way lurk unpretentious little tea-rooms, their windows discreetly curtained and displaying no signs to public view.

Harmless enough to look at, these places are breeding-grounds of vice, where youth is trained to provide lucrative markets for persons of ignoble desires.

Not long ago, a youth, fresh from a Devonshire hamlet, entered a small café of this type, in company with a flashily attired man who had made his acquaintance by "chance."

Descending a winding stair lined with lurid draperies, the youth found himself in a small room, surrounded with curtained alcoves. Presently a girl emerged from a recess and, drawing the youth to a table, supplied him with coffee at the ridiculous charge of 4s. a cup.

Lucky arrest

Before he left, the girl persuaded this boy to meet her next evening, when she promised to show him the sights and to give him "a real good time."

In less than a fortnight this young woman had secured a strong hold over the raw country lad. As the weeks passed, her demands in clothes and ready-money grew until his small capital had gone.

Unable to meet these extra calls upon his slender income, he eventually robbed the till of the small store in which he was employed in the hope of averting the threatened rupture with his temptress.

The theft was traced to the unfortunate boy almost immediately, and, leaving him to his fate, the girl departed in search of fresh victims.

This youth was fortunate in his arrest, for the seeming catastrophe at least terminated his relations with his heartless exploiters.

Touts offer an easy means of introducing new "clients" to the café. Country youths are easily recognised by these keen-eyed scoundrels, who are seldom suspected of ulterior motives when they start a conversation with a polite question as to the time of day.

Disastrous attitude

The final scene in a poignant family tragedy was set in one of these cafés not long ago. Arriving in company with a man who had taken "pity" on his loneliness, a north countryman was given coffee by a girl who covered him with confusion by sitting in his lap.

When he had recovered from his surprise, however, he noticed that one of the other girls who occupied the room was watching him closely and displaying unmistakable emotion.

Her face was lined and painted and the light was dim, so he failed to recognise an elder sister who, years before, had eloped with a plausible stranger.

Day by day, this girl watched helplessly while her brother slipped ever deeper into the clutches of her companion harpy. Doing her utmost to rescue him, she yet could not bring herself to attempt his salvation by revealing her identity. Gradually, the lad drifted into crime. Later his sister committed suicide.

Evidence against cafés of this kind is hard to collect, for improper acts seldom take place upon the premises, which are used merely as a ready means of establishing touch with future "patrons."

Unhappily, many parents minimise the peril. Although they may recognise the existence of an evil, they are often supremely confident that disaster will not visit those dear to them. They study these matters from a wholly impersonal standpoint.

This is a disastrous attitude of mind, and one which every man and woman who is sincerely anxious to assist the cause of youth should strive on all occasions to dispel, for while there is mental slackness of this kind the exploiter of innocence will live in luxury.

The Sentence of the Court

HUMAN STOCKS—AND SHARES

A Dean's Almighty Dolour

GAZING round the court with an expression of settled melancholy, Dean Inge, when charged with using insulting language, pleaded that he had merely called a spade a spade.

"Dean Inge's idea of how a spade should be designated reminds me of the gentleman who invariably referred to the implement as a sanguinary shovel," said Mr. Watchdog, K.C.

"Just as he cannot discuss British Labour without speaking of Russian Bolshevism, so, also, he cannot think aloud about the working classes without employing insulting expressions like 'lower orders' or 'inferior stocks.'

"This doleful dogmatist was particularly free with his jeers at a meeting of the Oxford Eugenic Society.

"Mournfully proclaiming, 'We are populating the country from the worst stocks'—the 'worst stocks' being those with the smallest 'shares'—he went on to complain that the Government is educating the working classes 'to enable them to take the bread out of the mouths of professional men's sons.'

"If, however, youths sprung from the 'worst stocks' are thus able to take the bread, caviare and champagne out of the mouths of their betters, it says little for the efficiency of the class so admired by this connoisseur of whines.

"But if the accused is inferior in common-sense he makes up for it with an uncommon sense of his own superiority. Having referred to what he regards as a deplorable attempt in Sweden 'to level up the birth-rate of all classes,' he says: 'As a public school and university man, I do not wish to see this come about.'

"The accused always talks of the class to which he himself belongs as 'the cream of the community'; but his arrogant insistence on the rights of rank (and swank) suggests that we could get along with a little less of the 'cream' and a great deal more of the milk of human kindness."

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Mr. Strawsplitter admitted that this was not the first time Dean Inge had appeared on a similar charge, but his client had the courage of his (previous) convictions. He refused to be guilty of that pandering to the working classes, for all eugenists knew of the evils of reckless propagation from inferior stock.

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"Eugenists," said Mr. Justice Bull, "are people who want to improve the race by scratching all the horses that do not come from aristocratic stables. The prisoner has for long combined the exposition of this pseudo-science with his occupation as an unlicensed fish hawker—the fish he hawks being of the 'stinking' variety.

"Admittedly the 'upper-middle classes' contain many useful members, but the Dean might ask himself the causes of the high bodily and mental standards which, he asserts, prevail in this class.

"Good food, housing and clothing have much to do with it, and I cannot understand the jealous attitude which, instead of desiring others to share in these things, insists that they be confined to the few.

"Such upside-down ideas in association with back-to-front collars has made ordinary citizens tired of ecclesiastical (with an accent on the 'ass') political economy, and they are beginning to think that, in place of grouting operations at St. Paul's, it is time attention was given to the grousing operations of the Dean of St. Paul's.

"As much of the Dean's seeming uncharitableness is due to his profound ignorance of his fellow-citizens, I shall sentence him to six months' imprisonment in a lower-middle-class boarding-house, in the hope that he will emerge, not a sadder—this would be impossible—but, at least, a wiser man."

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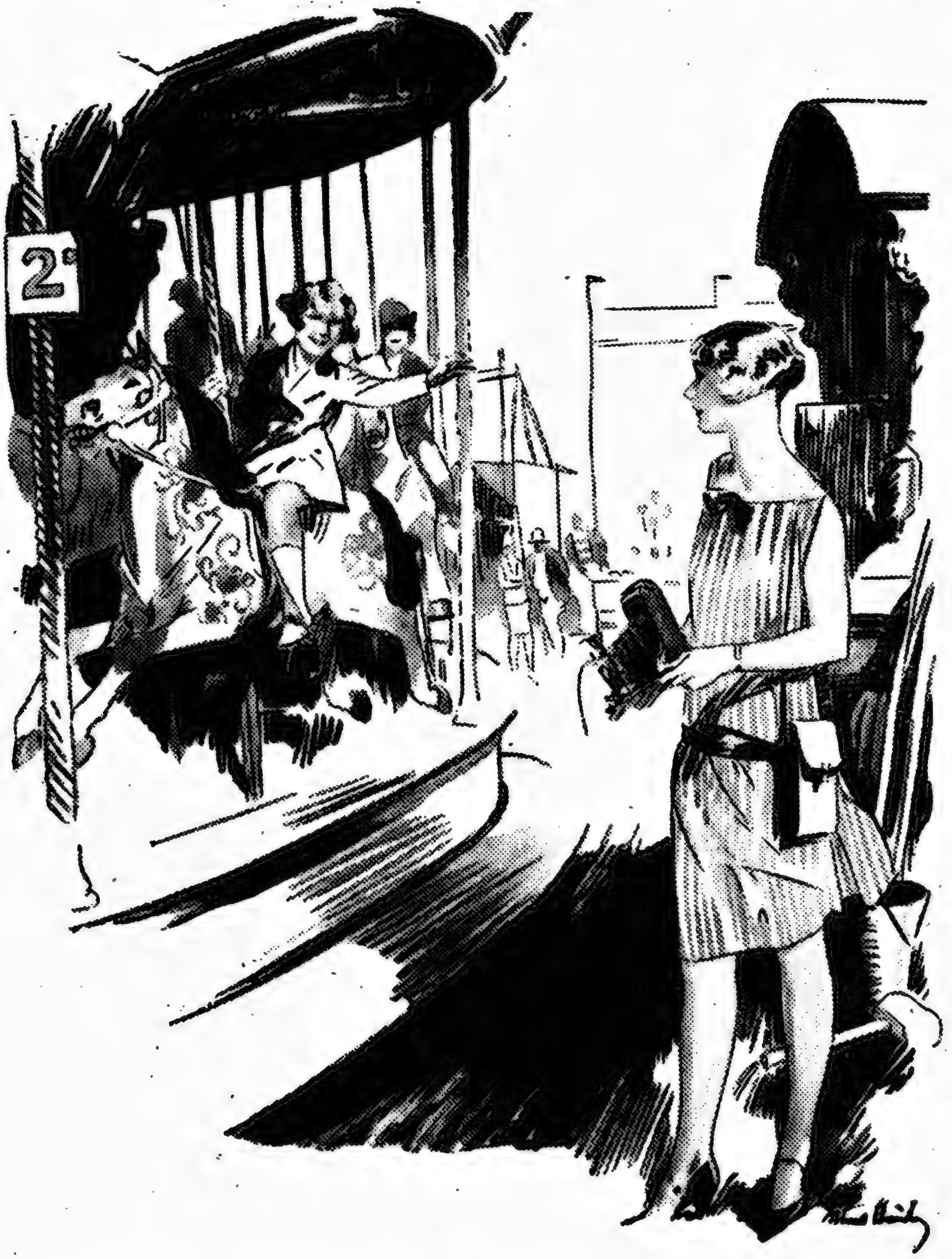

Great fun—a 'Kodak,' and yet it is fun that yields abiding fruit. It makes in half a second a thing which may last half a century. "Click" is all it says, and yet it speaks volumes. Get your own 'Kodak' without delay. Life without a 'Kodak' is life writ in water.

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Words Winged to Women

THE MUD BOTTLERS

by MABEL HORNER

"THE desire to get rich quickly has a far more deleterious effect on character than anything else I know."—THE BISHOP OF ST. ALBANS

ONE day a deaconess, paying a visit to a house in Salford, was startled by a queer bumping outside. She opened the door and a woman who had been sitting outside tumbled in, screaming out, "Don't give me away, missus!"

The amazed deaconess saw that this woman was busily engaged in taking off some of her clothes. She was going to pawn them to put a bet on a horse.

It was the same deaconess who, remonstrating with another Salford mother for gambling away money needed by her children for food, was told, "But I often pray for God's blessing and guidance in the selection of the right horse!"

It is no wonder that Manchester and Salford are seriously concerned at the gambling craze in their midst and the terrible evils it is fomenting. Women take clothes off the backs of themselves and their children to pawn. They send toddling children of three to bookmakers with betting slips.

Other towns are equally concerned at the lightning speed with which this gambling fever is spreading. Young people are infected. Tiny children are being contaminated by their own parents.

Terrible evil

At Northwich a feature of a recent betting case was the large number of children who made bets as agents for their elder relatives or neighbours.

Suspecting that certain premises were being used unlawfully, a police sergeant in plain clothes interviewed the stream of furtive callers to the back door.

A little child of six handed him a paper with money and explained that "Father had sent it." A young boy of eleven brought a paper with money and said, "A woman had sent it."

It is certain that only a feather-brained fool would deny that the whole thing is a terrible evil. It is not quite so certain that everybody would agree that the trouble springs from desires which in themselves are good.

It is good to wish to have money to spend. It is good to wish to be rich both in happiness and possessions. But trouble starts when people are determined to get rich quick without taking either trouble or exertion. It is leaping the ditch without caring whether foul mire or a fair meadow waits on the other side.

Mabel Horner

And the same with happiness. There are people seeking happiness in ways just as evil as these poor mothers of Salford, Manchester and Northwich are seeking generally unsuccessfully, to increase their means.

One of the most disgusting is described as "London's Latest for Bright Young People." It is a Pyjama and Bottle Party. Well-connected young people turn up in their hundreds to these parties.

They are not dressed as respectable citizens, but in silly, fantastic sleeping garb. They each carry a bottle under their arms.

At a recent party of this description the liquid in the bottles ranged from champagne to gin, and from gin to dirty water and "Jordan water," the latter an offence against good taste and feeling if nothing else.

Arrived at the house of entertainment, the guests lie about in rooms so dimly lit that they might as well be in the dark, listen to dreamy music, and play at "sardines." They return to their homes at the hour when decent people are breakfasting and thinking of going to work.

And this, from the class that in the past dreamed itself "born to rule"; who even now are looking to become leaders in business or may later sit in Parliament and help to make our laws!

Woeful errors

Meanwhile they are breaking the divine, unalterable law by debauchery, just as the poor women are breaking it who send their children to bookmakers.

In fact, I cannot see any difference between poor women who take off their clothes to pawn them for betting and rich women who take off their clothes to don pyjamas for a party.

Both are engaged in the search for happiness, one by trying to get rich quick and the other by pursuing nasty methods. And both are woefully mistaken.

Disagreeable experience may teach the bright young people of Mayfair hard truth one day. But for the children of the poorer mothers I plead. Let those mothers remember the splendour of the inheritance with which every child at birth is endowed.

It consists of the power to work and the ability to develop fine character.

It is in the hands of the mothers at first. Rightly guided, it leads to the only heights worth climbing. Neglected or driven to evil, it can take a child to hell.

Our convict jails are filled with those who forget that character is wealth. Our national records, on the other hand, are filled with great names whose achievements are solely the result of fine character allied to the capacity for hard work.

To remember this is to find the road to real happiness. For, strange though it may appear, there is no other.

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BLOSSOM time is here, and with it the anxiety of gardeners begins. This year branches have been laden, weighted down with bloom. Will it all set into rich fruit? Or will there come those unexpected frosts or devastating winds, shattering harvest promise?

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Wise provision

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All over the land, often in heartbreaking circumstances, they are struggling with the task. They are making comfortable homes with the most uncompromising materials, hoping against hope, like the orchard gardener, that they will not see their efforts frustrated by any sudden blast or blight. Yet bitter experience shows that both may come. The best thing is to make provision against them.

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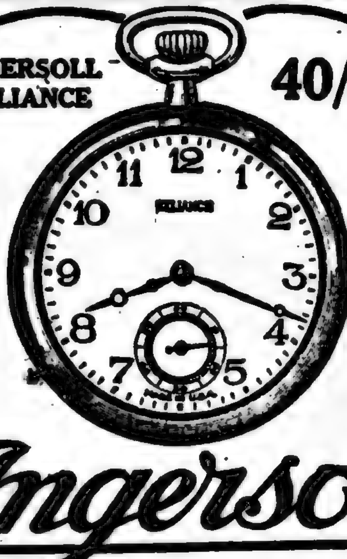

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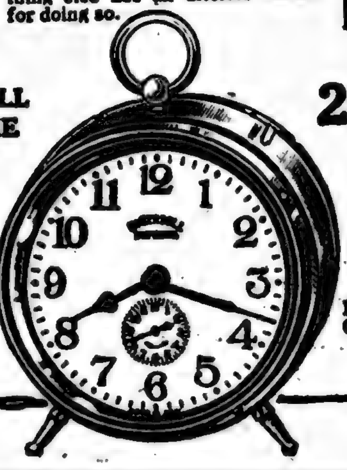

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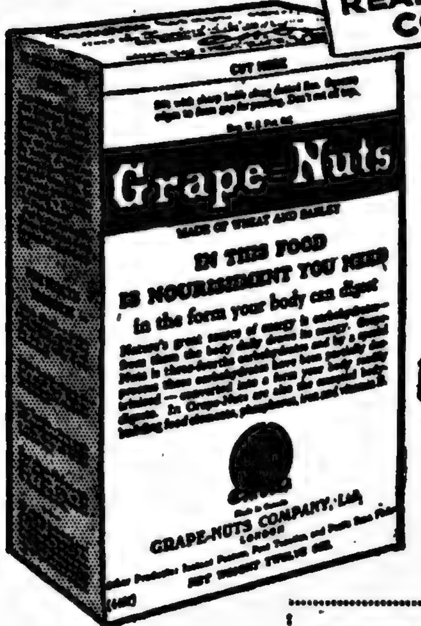

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Human Documents

A Village Menace

Wayward Wife—Dallying with Danger—Banned Alliance

PROBLEMS that may be yours are dealt with by "Humanist." The names and addresses of all correspondents are suppressed so that the writers may not be identified. Letters that are too intimate or are not sufficiently general to be helpful to others are answered by post. All correspondents must send stamped, addressed envelopes. Ten shillings is being sent to each of the writers of the first four letters printed.

"I MARRIED my first cousin, and we had seven children. She died fourteen years ago, and I am now married to a woman who has been a splendid mother to the children.

"Three out of these seven children are more or less mentally defective. One girl of nineteen is in a home for the mentally defective; a son, aged twenty-three, is below normal, but has married, fends for himself and is a good worker.

"My problem is the third boy of fifteen. Whilst he was at school we had no trouble with him. He has been examined by the county health doctor, who reports that he is above normal in some things and below in others.

"He is incapable of work, though strong bodily, with the exception that his right hand trembles violently, and he shakes his head about when walking or running.

"I cannot be always with him, as my business takes me from home, and he will not obey my wife, saying that she is not his mother. We dare not leave any money within his reach, for he takes it to spend or give away.

"BUT the worst problem of all is now appearing, and that is that he will molest little girls. We have had many complaints since he left school, and only the other day the complaint came that he had been molesting a child of six.

"I have done everything in my power to break him of it, but it is of no avail, as he seems unable to resist it, and my fears are that the police will come and take him. So far, the village people are sympathetic with us as being his parents, but it cannot continue if he goes on as he is doing.

"My wife is not strong, and feels that she cannot stand much more. Doubtless, sooner or later, he will land in a criminal court, if something cannot be done to place him out of harm's way.

"We know of no home here for such a case, and we cannot afford to pay much towards his keep. Can you recommend or advise some solution to our problem?"

"HUMANIST" says: *Your problem is a very serious one. Write at once to the National Association for the Feeble Minded, 296, Vauxhall Bridge Road, S.W.1. In the meantime, however difficult this may be, he should not be allowed out alone, for it is shocking to think of his being at large in the village, where little children run the risk of being hurt and ruined by him. Under proper medical supervision he may learn to suppress his vices and develop his "above normal" qualities, and become a credit to you yet.*

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Weak-willed Wife

"I WAS married five years ago to one of the best-hearted girls in the world, but alas! she appears to have no control over her will. My work takes me away from home for weeks at a time, and every time I return I find mischief.

"Shortly after I was married, I had to go abroad for a few months, when news came that my wife had tried to drown herself, and the police allowed her to go on probation.

"Then I heard she was frequenting low-class public-houses with undesirable friends and men of bad character. When I wrote asking for an explanation, she simply answered that she was going her way and I must go mine.

"When I returned and asked her to come back, she would not. She was loyal to the man she was living with, and worked for him for months. She fell ill and he deserted her, leaving her friendless and destitute.

"I went to her and begged her to start afresh. She agreed. I was amply rewarded for nursing her back to health by the smile of gratitude in her eyes. I got a nice little home together where we were happy for twelve months.

"Unfortunately, I was called away on business, and, returning unexpectedly one night, I found my wife having supper with another man. I thrashed him and turned him out. My wife wanted to go with him, so I let her go.

"My heart aches when I think of her being knocked about and sinking as low as before. Did I do the right thing in allowing her to go?"

"HUMANIST" says: *You have been a faithful, long-suffering husband. Why didn't you keep it up? Knowing your wife's weak will, you should not have let her go. She would, in all probability, have loved and respected you for taking a firm stand, and this might have been the turning-point in her relations with you. You are her natural protector and she needs protecting against herself and a strong husband to control her.*

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Dangerous Teacher

"MY landlady's daughter attends a council school, where the headmaster pets and favours the prettiest girls, especially those who have reached the age of thirteen and are due to leave school shortly.

"He is now enamoured of a tall, handsome girl, and invites her to go to his private room to do her lessons with him in the evening, 'where,' he says, 'he will be able to help her.'

"As a matter of fact, he caresses and fondles her, and she has lately become a mother, though the fact is carefully concealed.

"She is not ashamed to boast of this to other pupils, and my informant has even mentioned it to the headmaster's wife.

"But neither she nor anyone else dares mention it to him, dreading the hostility of the National Union of Teachers, which will uphold him, unless it is proved against him without any doubt.

"It is most dangerous to leave this man in such a position, yet, such is the fear of all towards the school teachers, that any such information is suppressed."

"HUMANIST" says: *It is quite right of the N.U.T. to uphold a school teacher's character against slander, unless it is definitely proved that he has betrayed his position of trust. If the parents of pupils attending this particular school are uneasy, the police should be informed, who will not hesitate to take drastic measures in the cases of girls under sixteen. If the mother of the girl you mention can prove who is the father of the child, she can institute affiliation proceedings against him. Those who spread evil reports should have the courage to expose the culprit, provided they are sure of their facts, and are not acting from spite or jealousy.*

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THERE is a saying: "What I spent I had; what I saved I lost; what I gave I have." Give to the "Greatest of These—" Fund, if you would find again what you give. (See p. 38.)

Forbidden to Marry

"I AM a widower, thirty-seven years of age. I lost my wife two and a half years ago, who left me with a son who is now ten years old. Except for occasional help, such as washing, etc., I have done my own housework.

"About a year ago, my deceased wife's sister's eldest daughter, aged twenty-four, came to be in service in the town, and, having no friends, made my home her place of call on her evenings out.

"She has made herself useful in doing needlework, etc., for me and the boy, for which I was very grateful, and she was glad to have somewhere to go on her off time.

"Naturally we grew fond of each other, and our thoughts of each other are now stronger than friendship.

"Is there any way in which we can get married, as I think I have ploughed a lonely furrow long enough, and I promised her I would write to you and find out?"

"HUMANIST" says: *I am sorry for your loneliness, but, as a man may not marry his deceased wife's niece, you must substitute a housekeeper for your kind little helper. To marry her would be committing a criminal offence.*

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Hospital Rights

"My boy, aged seven, is in a fever hospital. The doctor states the fever has gone, but his ear discharges and until that stops I cannot have him home. I have explained that he had this discharge for a year previous to the fever. He is fretting to come to me, and is going into a decline. Can I demand my child from the hospital?"

"Humanist" says: *By law, you may not remove a child from a fever hospital until discharged by the hospital authorities. Had your son been in a general hospital, it would have been within your rights to have demanded his discharge, and, however unwise the hospital authorities might have considered this, they could not have prevented you from taking him away at your own ris[illegible]*

Mothers Must Sacrifice

"I have secured a post which entails my moving from place to place and leaving my old mother practically alone, which she feels keenly. The job offers good prospects and I have become engaged. It is a case of mother-love *versus* career. Ought I to return to my home town and risk hacking out a living on my own, or stick to the good fortune that has come my way? I want to know where my duty lies."

"Humanist" says: *No. Every mother, sooner or later, has to face the giving up of her son. Write to her frequently and do all you can to comfort her. Surely it would not benefit either of you for you to throw up a good job.*

The Mother-in-Law Again

"I am living with my mother-in-law who causes a lot of trouble between me and my wife. I wish my wife to make her home with me elsewhere, but she refuses to leave her mother. Is it necessary for me to find rooms, though she still refuses to come with me, or, if I went into lodgings until such time as she consented to come, would I have to maintain her meanwhile?"

"Humanist" says: *If you provide a suitable home and your wife refuses to live in it, she cannot claim maintenance from you.*

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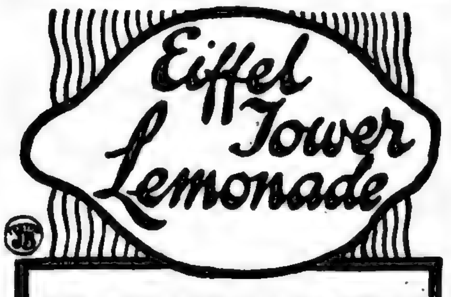

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Our Letter Parliament

Murder in the Mines

Sea Scandal—"John Bull's" Secret—Give Them Work!

THE appalling facts given in "An Underground Shambles," by Mr. George Hardie (JOHN BULL, May 5), should shake the complacency of the miners' arm-chair critics. Perhaps if our legislators consider the fact that every six months the death-roll in the mines equals the seating power of the House of Commons, they will concede the miners' right to bare justice. It costs money to make the mines safe, but apparently a healthy balance-sheet is of more consequence than the lives of the mine-workers.—*L., Liverpool.*

Lives First

Surely, with all the experience of the past added to the means and knowledge at present available for the prevention of pit disasters, a big reduction in the numbers of killed and injured could be made. Every modern method that invention can bring forward should be used to minimise the casualties. No question of expense must be allowed to stand in the way where men's lives are concerned.—*"Safety First," Warminster.*

Which Kills Most?

The figures that Mr. Hardie quotes are terrible, but when I repeat them to persons with whom I come into contact, I am told that engineers, shipbuilders, boilermakers and railwaymen could quote figures quite as heavy. Would Mr. Hardie, or someone in a position to know, give them, so as to settle whether the mining industry has the heavier death-roll?—*F. W. S., Huddersfield.*

Asking for Accident

Mr. George Hardie gives some imposing figures, but could give more. He does not give figures for nystagmus, that dreaded disease that makes young men old, nor the number of deaths through rheumatism, bronchitis, etc., caused by men having to lie in water to dig coal from under a height of 2 ft. To save cost to owners, a boy first starting is sent with another for a day or two, then he has to take charge of a pony himself (he may never have touched one before). Can we then wonder at accidents?—*M., Birtley.*

Bare Truth

JOHN BULL will receive the thanks of thousands of miners and their families for publishing "An Underground Shambles." The article is one of the most poignant human documents I have read for years, and it is nothing more than the bare truth. It is well that the country should know something of the perils that beset those who toil for a bare pittance in the bowels of the earth.—*D. H., Glam.*

Cheaper!

The trifling awards of the Workmen's Compensation Act make it cheaper to the mine-owners than drastic reorganisation. Legislation introduced to materially increase these awards would doubtless result in large orders being given to the engineering, electrical and allied trades. Public opinion, forcibly expressed, would goad the Government into activity. The only alternative is nationalisation.—*H. H., Morecambe.*

Hell Better!

The appalling increase in accidents in the mines is due chiefly to the speed-up methods employed. Men are not allowed the time necessary to protect themselves. Speaking to an old miner the other day, he emphasised this fact. One can imagine what it must be like in the bowels of the earth when I quote his final remark to me: "I would as soon go to hell any morning as go down the cursed hole." This from one of the best workmen that ever stepped on the cage.—*D. T., Mon.*

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Haunting Terror

As a miner of over thirty years' experience, I have never seen the terrible conditions of the coalfield put in such a lucid manner as in your "Candid Communication" to the Prime Minister in JOHN BULL of May 5. The few miners who are still working are so terrified of losing their jobs that they are working like slaves for the minimum wage (£2 14s.), and often for less, as they are "cropped" a few shillings for filling dirty coal.—*Collier, Rhondda.*

A Real Horror

When I was seventeen, I wore a heavy belt, 4 in. wide, with chain attached, in a Derbyshire mine, to draw loaded boxes, minus wheels. The chain was passed between our legs and we went on all fours. All the skin was chafed off where the belt fitted and blood was drawn. The same belts were used for lifting loaded trams on the rails, containing 10 cwt. I should like to see a specimen in Tussaud's Chamber of Horrors.—*F. J. C., Balham.*

British First

Mr. E. Roffe Thompson ably champions the cause of British officers in his article, "An Unholy Secret" (JOHN BULL, May 5), but why not go further, and urge that an Act be passed making it compulsory for British ships to be manned entirely by British seamen. Is this asking too much? There are a great many unemployed seamen in Britain to-day who served their country well during the war, and surely they ought to have the prior claim.—*T. K., Girvan.*

Reflector Ramp

Many cycle-dealers have in stock a quantity of cheap red reflectors that have been made useless by the new lighting regulations. Yet they are selling them to any cyclist who is ignorant of the requirements of the law. By using it, he is liable to a fine of £5; but the man who supplied the reflector is, apparently, safe. The seller, as well as the user, of an uncertified reflector should be liable to a heavy fine.—*H. W. S., Walsall.*

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A Good Tip

In JOHN BULL, April 7, the public were warned against the person describing himself as "Major Thornton," explaining his *modus operandi*. On April 28, Scotland Yard issued a similar warning, three weeks later. This is not an isolated case of your exposure of frauds weeks before the authorities wake up to them, and it would be to the benefit of all business houses to take in JOHN BULL for its perusal by the staff in the same way that they now usually subscribe to their particular trade journals.—*H. W., Canonbury.*

It's Work That's Wanted

A few days ago a gentleman I know advertised for a chauffeur. The paper in which the advertisement appeared is published about 1.40 p.m. The first man was interviewed at 1.55 p.m., and the rest of the afternoon was spent in interviewing applicants. About forty letters arrived next day, and most of that day was spent in turning men away. Yet, we still have those amongst us who say that men on the "dole" do not want work.—*J., Leeds.*

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The City of Norwich has been the scene of the "bonus" tea ramp for the past twelve months, and it is really time an example was made of the perpetrators. Well-dressed and plausible men call upon homely working-class women, and representing they are merely selling the tea to earn a few coppers, backed up by the lure of a £5 "bonus" to all takers in turn, succeed in securing considerable custom. When questions are asked about the promised "bonus" the visits cease and the ramp becomes apparent.—*A Victim, Norwich.*

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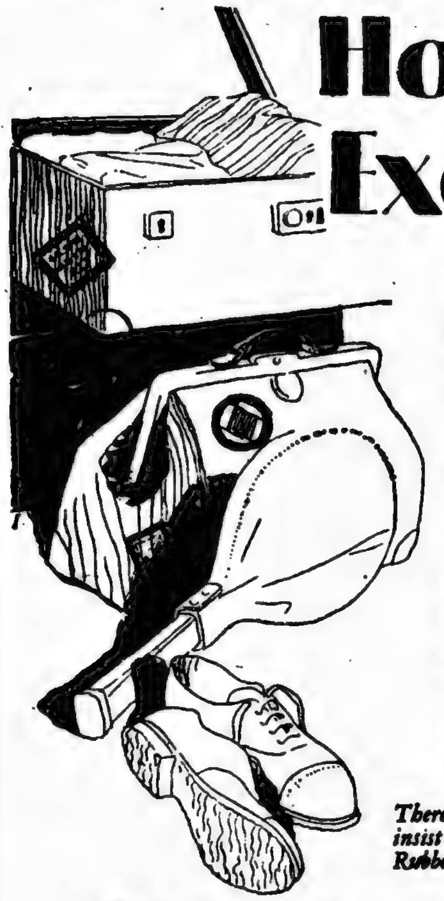

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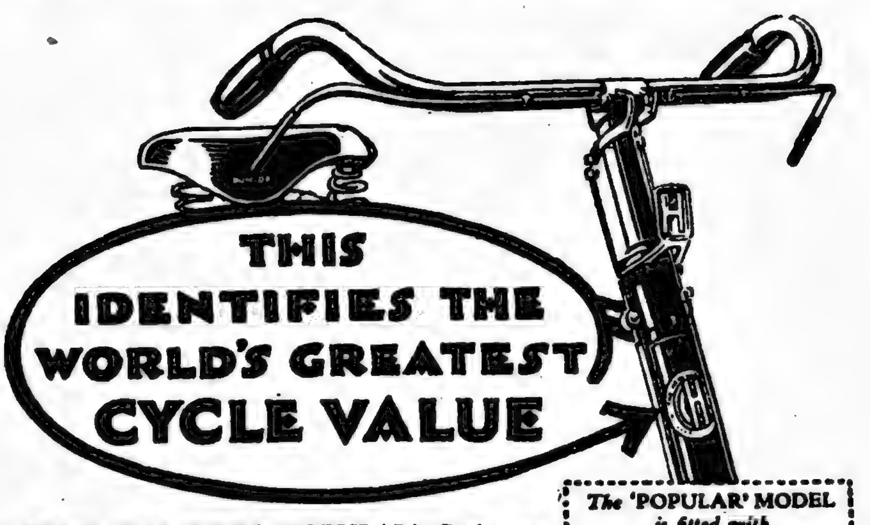

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11 POINTS UP
on the Season.

SO far I have spilt little ink over the Derby, but time is drawing short, and a number of JOHN BULL readers have informed me that umpteen thousand pounds are to be won for placing the first six. I am afraid that is beyond me, besides which the umpteen thousands shared out amongst JOHN BULL's million and a quarter readers would not realise more than a few coppers each. So why worry? As in the past I will try to find the 1, 2, 3.

I THINK most racing men will agree that our three-year-olds seen out this season are not a brilliant lot. Flamingo lost caste when hard pressed to beat Lord Derby's Sans Changer at the Newmarket Craven Meeting, otherwise the colt would have been a hot favourite for the "Guineas," which he won, again hard pressed, by bull-dog pluck. The son of Flamboyant is as game as a pebble, and looks a certainty for the first three, but the more one studies the Epsom race, Lord Derby's stable appears to hold the key to the situation with Fairway.

PROVIDING Fairway's little ailment does not crop up again, I think we shall see him fighting out the finish with Flamingo, and getting the better of the argument, and if Lord Derby decides to be doubly represented with Pharamond, the latter may fill the minor berth. There was merit in Pharamond's fourth in the "Guineas." As I mentioned last week, he was the unlucky horse of the race.

FAIRWAY is considered 21 lbs. in advance of Sans Changer, but I have never seen a comparison drawn between the two Phalaris colts. On two-year-old form, Fairway, of course, takes the palm, but Pharamond has come on and, in the long run, I think he will prove the better horse.

THE situation at the moment reminds me of Spearmint's Derby of 1906. Old-timers will recollect that Major Loder's Flair was a good favourite for the race and went wrong. Spearmint, from the same stable, contracted rapidly in price, and proved an able substitute.

THERE are tips abroad for Palais Royal, one of the French candidates remaining in our chief "Classic," and it is quite possible that the horse may be sent here and backed for the race. My French Correspondent, however, has the authority of the owner for saying that no decision about running Palais Royal will be taken until after May 27, when the colt runs in the second of the two semi-classic races he is to have in order to test his merit.

PALAIS ROYAL holds the French Derby and the Grand Prix de Paris liabilities, and running him at Epsom would mean throwing away his chances in both those races. Only if satisfied that his Epsom chance is outstanding will the owner send him. Palais Royal is by the well-known sire, Bruleur. At Longchamps he won the Prix Hocquart ten days ago. This is a race of one mile and a half so there should be no doubt as to his stamina. The French colt is quoted in some of our ante-post lists at 16 to 1.

I HAVE received a number of enquiries asking when Feridoon is likely to run. It will be remembered that the Aga Khan gave 17,000 guineas for this colt by Hurry On–Ecurie, and, naturally, the youngster was expected to be something cut of the ordinary. I should not like to say that he purchased a pig in a poke, but I cannot see the money coming back unless the horse makes a name for himself at the stud. Feridoon has been sent to France recently, and is not likely to run here.

FOHANAUN, my code selection for the Victoria Cup, toyed with the opposition. When I went into the ring the betting—with a field of twenty odd—was 10 to 1 bar one, Mr. Solly Joel's horse figuring at 7 to 4. Backers had a field day all-round, as five favourites, and a well-backed second chance, came up trumps.

I WONDERED after racing if there would have been quite so many satisfied punters with the "Tote" in force. Ring bookmakers will invariably tell you that they have had a bad day, but on this occasion it was very much in evidence. Mr. Totalisator would have taken his 10 per cent.—from the punters!

RACING at Chester's trappy little course is not, as a rule, a good guide for the future, but one or two unlucky horses stood out last week, particularly Oriental Knight, who was beaten a head by Baralong in the Belgrave Stakes. Dines' mount was shut in at a critical stage, and was extricated a trifle too late. The "Knight" would have won in another couple of strides. Josephus, third in the Vase, was another in the wars, and Feng in the Cup.

FENG—drawn No. 1—in the Cup suffered at the start, but taken altogether the despatches at Chester were not bad. I have avoided the standing start discussion, but at some meetings the new method has been disastrous, and something will have to be done.

IN this direction we might adopt Continental and Colonial methods. In France the gate is composed of three strands of webbing and in Australia four. If a jockey tries to set a "flier" he is apt to be unsaddled. The horses are packed tightly and consequently there is no possibility of kicking out. Usually they move off *en bloc*.

SOMETIMES I wonder if we are moving with the times. I was looking through an ancient copy of the "Calendar" the other day when I came across the following:—"Lord March's Guava, Lord Exeter's Hellespont, and the Duke of Beaufort's Perdita went to the post with the rest, but did not get off—it was declared a good start." The report did not contain the comments of the backers of Perdita, who happened to be favourite.

ONE or two "springers" last week were Gioconda, third in the Chester Cup; Paintbox, third in the Dee Stand Welter; Dorenavant, fourth in the Eaton Stakes, and Rathnally, who took the Cheshire High-Weight Stakes. This little group can be followed with safety.

THERE is no outstanding event in the week-end programmes at Gatwick and Haydock Park, but the layers pay over winners whatever the events. Providing Sunny Trace gives the Home-Bred Three-Year-Old Cup at Gatwick a miss, I should take a chance with Josephus. In the 4.25 race Brigliadoro, who beat the Chester Cup winner last time out, should come up again.

Stanley Wootton, the Emperor of Epsom

FOR the "Saturday Smile" I make Feng—engaged in the Prince's Handicap—a nap selection. In minor events Secretary and Cornelia Filly may pop up at respectable prices. Stanley Wootton has Adage engaged in the chief event at Haydock on the second day of the Northern meeting. If sent, the tip is obvious. The five-year-old finished fourth in Baralong's race at Chester, but a good-sized sheet would have covered the quartette. I am also inclined to give Lion Heart another chance. R. J. Colling's raids on the North have been a feature of the season's racing. Lion Heart failed at "A. P." recently but ran well nevertheless.

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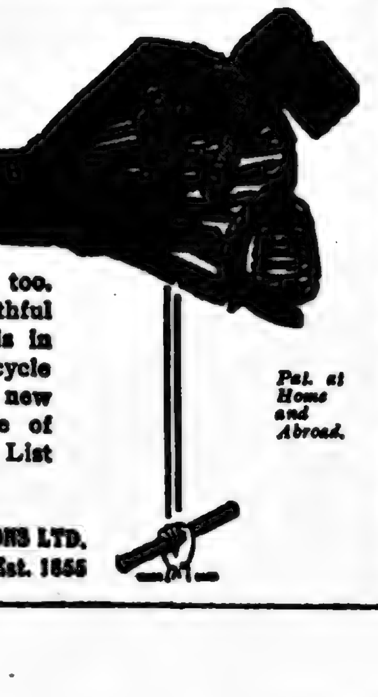

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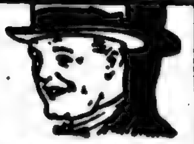

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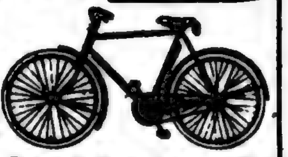

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JOHN BULL Replies

THE Editor may be flippant on this page, but his humour is kindly and never malicious. He likes to end up the week's work on a bright note. Serious questions are dealt with by the expert staff of our Free Advice Service.

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F. N. (Hurst).—"Silence is golden." And sometimes guilt.

T. E. (Taunton).—"I am not such a fool as I look." Sorry; our mistake.

T. T. (Leeds).—"Do you drink anything with your meals." Anything!

C. L. L. (Southampton).—"Golf follows the English language." And adds to it.

W. M. A. (Liverpool).—"Is Baldwin a Londoner?" London is not to be blamed.

HETTIE (Jarrow).—"I enclose photo of the man I married." Were men scarce at the time?

D. D. O. (Barnet).—"I know I have a double in this place." What hard luck—for Barnet!

WIFE (Scarborough).—"How could my husband live without me?" A darned sight cheaper.

C. W. S. (Wimbledon).—"My motor-car is fitted up with a wireless set." Can you pick up pedestrians?

J. M. (Fenton).—"Now that I have written this, I have cleared my mind." It certainly needed it badly.

P. M. (Exeter).—"What is the duty of the one who gives away the bride?" Not to give her away too much.

FATHER (Ashington).—"I am a firm believer in heredity." Have your children made fools of themselves already?

S. M. (Southsea).—"I don't think much of Winston's Budget, I can tell you." What we think of it we cannot tell you.

J. T. (Teddington).—"My wife thinks I ought to send you this letter." Pray what have we done to annoy your wife?

MRS. R. (Long Preston).—"How long does it take a woman to get a divorce?" It all depends upon how fast her husband is.

M. K. (Salop).—"It must be an awful thing when a giraffe gets a sore throat." And very sad when a camel gets the hump.

MISS K. (Slough).—"I will write you a nice long letter if you will give me time." We would rather give you time to stop you writing.

MRS. K. (Selby).—"The doctor told me I shall have to eat less." Evidently a man who knows the size of his patient's ills and his own bills!

M. L. (Sandy).—"Do glasses really improve the sight?" We have heard of people being blind at times through indulging in too many of them.

C. H. F. (Mildenhall).—"All the girls seemed to do nothing but laugh at me, though I don't think I'm very comical." Anyway, you appear to have provided all the fun for the fair.

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W. L. (Goole).—"You don't get me." We don't want to.

R. W. (Barrow).—"I am fond of a morning bath." Some never miss it.

ANGLER (Hampton).—"I caught a fish with four eyes." Sign the pledge, quick!

MISS B. (Greenwich).—"When I make up my mind I won't, I won't." That's will.

C. L. H. (Aberdeen).—"How much money does the average wife want?" More.

M. F. (Halifax).—"You are my tried and trusted friend." You have tried us, right enough.

MRS. O. (Kilburn).—"At how much could I engage a perfect maidservant?" At no price, madam.

S. Y. (Harwich).—"How much did it cost to build Buckingham Palace?" It was built for a sovereign.

B. E. (Rayner's Lane).—"What is a compromise?" A cowardly way of delaying the ultimate issue.

C. M. (Leyton).—"The aliens do not deport themselves properly." Then they should be properly deported.

E. R. (E. Dulwich).—"The actress wouldn't marry me." Perhaps her salary is insufficient to support two.

F. E. (Gosport).—"I am the most misunderstood man in England." You evidently have been found out.

M. J. I. (Dublin).—"Judging her by her dress——" But that's such scanty evidence to judge a woman by.

H. C. (Queensferry).—"I couldn't recognise the motive of the musical production." Probably merely revenge.

C. E. (Ayr).—"What is your opinion of the monkey-gland treatment?" Why, that it must put years on a fellow's age.

TOM (Newport).—"She refused me, although I proposed with increased fervour." Try again with increased income.

MRS. T. (Fulham).—"Some men when they marry seem to lose their mental balance." The majority lose their bank balance, too.

MARY (Worthing).—"Women make better swimmers than men." They find it such a pleasant change to keep their mouths shut.

MARY (Sudbury Hill).—"Why do blushes always 'creep' over a heroine's face?" Because if they ran they would kick up such a dust.

BESSIE (Cockermouth).—"I'd like to ride to market, only dad won't buy me a riding habit." He evidently prefers you to get a walking habit.

N. P. (Northolt).—"I assume every man who frequents public-houses to be a drinker." And every man who binds books to be a bounder?

W. N. (Leytonstone).—"Did the man who discovered America get what he deserved." Well, he's dead.

MAUD K. (Rochampton).—"I had to tell him off very sharply for treading heavily on my feet during our dance." But we doubt if you were as crushing as he was.

M. F. (Harwich).—"She became a nurse, but spends most of her time flirting with her male patients, who all seem attracted by her." A pretty nurse the must be!

T. H. (London, N.).—"Opportunity is generally disguised." Yes, as hard work.

T. T. (Hoxton).—"My son takes too much to drink." He should make his first last.

A. T. P. (Boscombe).—"Excuse pencil, but I have run out of ink." Run out for some more.

SAXOPHONIST (Wigan).—"This week I am performing at Wigan." Serves you both right.

A. B. (Dover).—"I know myself thoroughly." You have our sincere sympathy.

P. B. (Marlow).—"It is possible to have more money than brains." But not for long!

T. N. (Chelmsford).—"I have worked as a bricklayer." That is quite an original idea!

T. B. (Kingston).—"She danced with me at a charity ball." That was very charitable of her.

T. R. B. (Balham).—"The next war will be in the air." That's where the present peace is.

G. G. (Barnsley).—"Has the leaning tower of Pisa a spiral staircase?" Yes; a perspiral staircase.

L. B. (Bancroft).—"It doesn't pay to live a double life." Of course not. It costs twice as much.

A. Y. (Penge).—"War means financial burdens for all of us." Quite true. More pay, less tax.

T. B. (Dover).—"I find that writing letters to you is very difficult." We wish you found it impossible.

T. Q. (Bedford).—"Some people can never say what they think." And others can and still keep silence.

F. M. (Belfast).—"Why not an aeroplane as a *Bullets* prize?" You'll be up in the air if you win the £500 First this week.

MRS. J. (Carlisle).—"My son has beautifully carved features." Why, does he shave himself already?

A. N. Y. (Northfleet).—"I bowed to his judgment." And disappeared downstairs on the arm of a warder?

GEO. D. (London, N.).—"I met him but he wouldn't face the music." Were you singing your own praises?

T. P. (Epping).—"The cost of living has gone down." And another little drop wouldn't do us any harm.

A. P. (Devizes).—"I really have nothing to say." We know that. And yet you took five pages to say it.

F. B. (Hammersmith).—"What is an oil gusher?" A man trying to persuade you to buy worthless oil shares.

J. F. P. (Hornsey).—"When I call on a firm I insist upon seeing the boss." And how, if he's at home in his cradle?

M. D. (Reading).—"All men are better for frequent periods of prolonged rest." So our jobbing gardener appears to believe.

MRS. L. (Wisbech).—"I assume the 9.10 train still leaves the No. 10 platform at St. Pancras?" We assume there's no reason for it taking it away.

S. S. (Eltham).—"Whatever else it may be that keeps me in such a poor position, it isn't more brains I want." You seem to be more contented with your little than with your lot.

C. T. (Acton).—"I'm afraid my wife misses me a lot." Why do you want her to hit you?

T. C. (Partick).—"I am not telling anybody that I am engaged." Aren't we anybody?

I. B. (Hawley).—"I called a policeman and he arrested *me!*" Whatever did you call him?

T. R. P. (Colingate).—"It's better to give money away than lend it." And it costs about the same.

S. A. (Buxton).—"I'm coming to live in dear old London." And you'll find it grows dearer every day.

B. W. (Widnes).—"I play a good game of halma." Thank goodness the Old Country can still produce her fearless athletes!

"SHOP-KEEPER" (Rayner's Lane).—"Some men if they could would get their whiskers on the instalment plan." A little down each day so to speak.

J. K. (Loughborough).—"I'm marrying into a very large family because I like a good home." Then mind the large family doesn't turn it into an hotel.

MRS. K. (Margate).—"When I drop any spoons I know visitors are coming." And when you miss them they're gone.

T. C. (Bowes).—"I know on which side my bread is buttered." Of course, It's the side nearest the floor when you drop it.

MRS. R. (Lancaster).—"Though I say it myself, my four girls go to work in the morning looking as fresh as paint." Can make them?

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The Flood's Aftermath

A Bereaved Family

THE River Thames, lying at low tide in the evening light, calm and lovely, looked incapable of its upheaval of a few months ago.

But in the front sleeping-room of a small house in Vauxhall, a little coffin stood against the wall, like an altar, with flowers and candles on top, and in it lay the body of a seven-year-old boy. He had died after two months in hospital from bronchitis and pneumonia.

Only a few days previously, a larger coffin, containing the body of a girl of fifteen, had occupied the room. She also died in hospital, from tuberculosis.

Their father suffers from asthma and bronchitis. He considers that the flooding of their home on that fateful night was largely responsible for the children's illnesses, and has aggravated his own.

Their mother related how on the night of the flood she woke up hearing, Bang, bang, bang! on the doors in their street. "I thought a man had gone mad. I said to my husband: 'You had better see what has happened.' As he opened the door the water ran in unmercifully."

She seized her baby girl of four months old, and with the other terrified children found shelter in a neighbour's house.

The Relief Fund gave them new linoleum and three pairs of boots which is all she put in for.

Now, within nine days of each other, she has lost her promising daughter, who was earning 15s. 6d., and her seven-year-old son. How she is going to pay for the funerals is beyond her.

Her husband, when he is fit for a week's work, can earn about 46s., but the other week he was unable to earn anything at all, owing to his health.

This is not the mother's first experience of disaster from without. Her boy, now aged ten, was born during a bad air-raid, and, as a result, his right arm and leg are crippled.

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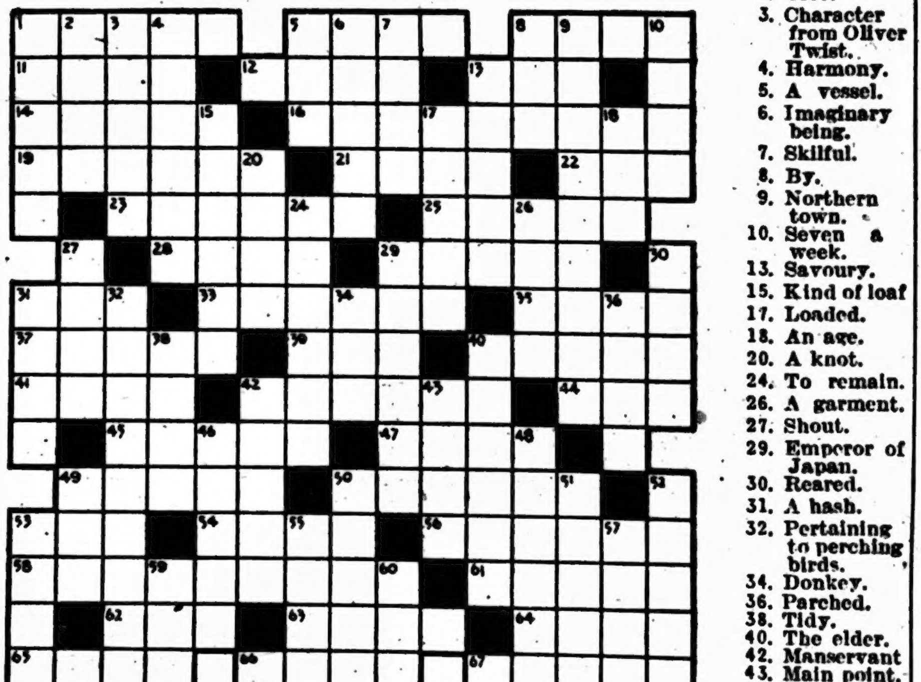

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23. Not any one
25. A couch.
28. Naked.
29. Ancient race.
31. Undermine.
33. Keep.
35. Heavenly object.
37. A nasal sound.
39. Question.
40. French solid measure.
41. Otherwise.
42. The face.
44. To clear.
45. The devil.
47. To strike.
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50. Haberdasher.
53. Atmosphere.
54. A species of barley.
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63. Attracted.
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65. Old.
66. To dole.
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10. Seven a week.
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17. Loaded.
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24. To remain.
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27. Shout.
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40. The elder.
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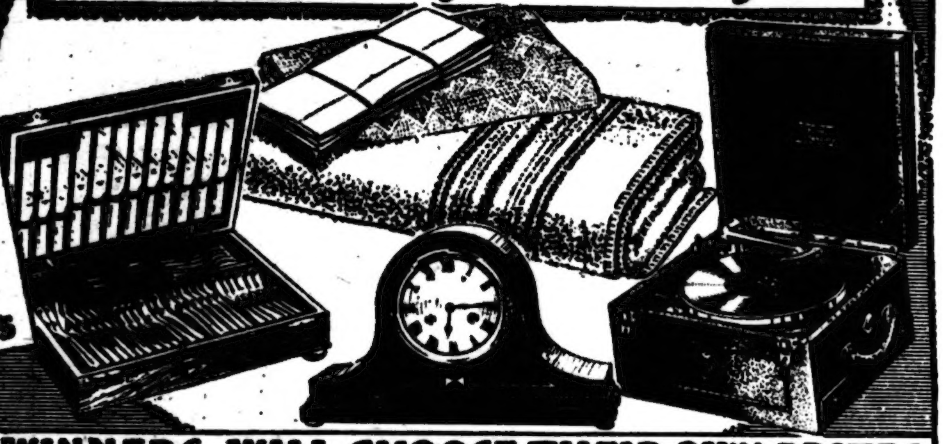

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INDUSTRY'S LIFE-BLOOD
PARTNERS
MAKES EVERYBODY THINK
ABROAD
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"WILL YOU BE MINE?"
FRIENDS NO LONGER
THE CIVIL SERVICE
WHY NOT
BEHIND THE BARS
HAPPY TOGETHER
FORGETTING HIMSELF
AMERICAN TOURIST
BEGINNING AGAIN
LOST FOR WORDS
ANOTHER RECORD
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WORTH CULTIVATING
LIFE'S DAY
WHAT ARE RATES?

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